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WAGE WAR ENDS



Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Rob Farrow clutches the ball despite a tough challenge from Leichhardt's Tony Morsello at Henson Park. Lions returned from Sydney with a shock 1-0 win under their belts.

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QUEENSLAND'S two National Soccer League clubs, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions, plan a new player-payment system which has never been attempted anywhere in the world!

They want to introduce a uniform scale of wages for all their players.

BY GREG RUSSELL

This revolutionary "wages accord" scheme will depend completely on the honesty of both clubs if it is to work.

City and Lions will have a gentlemen's agreement not to exceed the wage figures mutually decided upon.

And the clubs will not bid against each other in the purchase of new players.

"We are sick and tired of being ripped off by other clubs and players," said City secretary John Ponturo.

Firm guidelines on payments are expected to be finalised within a few weeks after negotiations which have already started.

A scale using players' ages plus the number of NSL appearances is under consideration.

This two-club togetherness will also involve City and Lions revealing to each other which players they intend bidding for during the off season.

"We won't bid against each other and players will no longer be able to play off one club against the other. It will be to the benefit of both clubs if we honour this gentlemen's agreement," Ponturo said.

The move is a bold attempt by two neighbouring clubs to come to grips with the escalating costs of competing in the National League.

"Wages are a massive part of every NSL club's budget. Sadly, payments have become unrealistic in relation to the success of the competition," said Brisbane Lions secretary, Lawrence Oudendyk.



JOE WATSON inspired Sydney City to a big win at Blacktown. Match report on page 6 and a full NSL round-up of games on pages 6, 7 and 8.

S.A. MOVE TO BAN THE BAN!

BY TOM McKAIN

MOVES by the State Federations — believe it or not — could be beneficial to the National Soccer League.

The S.A. Soccer Federation have announced they will back their Victorian counterparts in a move to have restrictions on imported players lifted.

S.A. Federation secretary, Peter Nikolich, hopes other States will back the plan when State League secretaries meet in Sydney on August 29.

Like the NSL clubs, State League teams are restricted to two

imports.

"We went along with the restriction imposed by the Australian Soccer Federation to encourage the development of homebred players, but we think it is now time for a change," said Nikolich.

"The youngsters who could make it should now be recognised, and we feel it is time for new blood, experienced players, and perhaps players who

can pull in the crowds at national and State Level."

The move does not mean introducing imports to the Australian workforce, where employment is tight.

"We want clubs to be responsible for the players," said Nikolich.

"Our thinking is that if the players are

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EDITORIAL

IN this issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, we carry a story from our Adelaide correspondent Tom McKain which we find extremely disturbing.

McKain reports that at least two States, South Australia and Victoria, have moved to get rid of restrictions on the import of players.

The logic behind this strange move appears to be that, according to S.A. Federation secretary Peter Nikolich, "it is now time for a change."

Maybe a change is needed, but certainly not the change Nikolich wants.

If restrictions on the import of players are lifted, it will put Soccer in Australia back to the dark ages.

Indeed the mere suggestion of

opening the flood gates to foreign players is, to put things mildly, grotesque.

Nothing would do more harm to the development of young, local, Australian talent.

It must be blatantly clear, even to people who do not wish to see, that every imported player filling a first grade position in a National League or State League team, is keeping an Australian out of that team.

Yet we are being urged to go back to the bad old days when countless talented youngsters quit Soccer in disgust because there was no room for them in first grade sides.

Oddly enough, the "Australian-orientated" clubs were among the biggest offenders.

In the early 1970s, Western Suburbs in Sydney, had some of the finest local talent around, young players achieving great things in Wests' first

X1.

Then came the mass influx from the UK, with seven, eight, or maybe nine players being signed by Wests — with most of them guaranteed first grade spots.

Western Suburbs continued to get good results, but it was a terribly frustrating time for the local players who were relegated to the reserve team. Several drifted out of the game completely disillusioned.

If restrictions on imports are removed, as Victoria and S.A. appears to want, be sure the Western Suburbs story will be repeated.

It is a fact that during the past three or four years, there has been an unprecedented number of young Australian players coming to the surface.

There is, thankfully, a very large reservoir of genuine talent in the 17 to 23 age bracket. That reservoir was not

created by accident. It is there because local players have been given their opportunity and have not had their development halted by European and UK mercenaries grabbing precious places in first grade teams.

Administrators who recommend the unrestricted entry of imported players are in the same mould as those who, believe it or not, still lament Australia's return to FIFA.

People who stubbornly still insist Australia would be better off out of FIFA are virtually saying: "Let's become outlaws so we can steal the best players in the world without paying transfer fees."

Hopefully, the Australian Soccer Federation will make a speedy decision on proposals to reopen the door to player imports.

That decision must be... throw the idea into the garbage can where it belongs.

TWO DEFENDERS OUT

SYDNEY City coach Eddie Thomson could be without two of his best defenders for the match against Apia Leichhardt in the challenge round at Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday.

Last Sunday international centre-back Steve O'Connor received another yellow card in the game against Blacktown and he could face an automatic two match suspension.

Jean Paul De Marigny, City's excellent young left-back, will also miss the match, as he has reached the required number of points for a one match suspension.

If O'Connor is out, Gerardo Gomez will slot into the central defence with sweeper Alec Robertson.

De Marigny's spot should be filled by youngster Keith Falconer.

The last time these two teams met, Sydney City were leading 1-0 with six minutes to go, but Apia's right back Vic Bozanic scored two headers in a thrilling climax.

"This will not happen again," Sydney City's classy free back Alec Robertson said.

"They were extremely lucky last time. We knew right through that match that we had their measure.

"Obviously we relaxed and paid dearly for it. That won't happen ever again," Robertson warned.

Apia's dynamic Johnny Bradley will be back after serving a one-match suspension last Sunday when Apia surprisingly lost at home to Brisbane Lions.

Plenty of action is assured as Sydney City's explosive attack-line of Grant Lee, John Kosmina and Willie Murray take on Apia's solid defence-line of Bozanic, Mark Pullen, Arno Bertogna and the ever reliable Mark Brown.

BRISBANE, ADELAIDE ARE STILL WORRIED

BY TOM MCKAIN

DESPITE assurances from National Soccer League officials, there is a growing feeling that Adelaide and Brisbane clubs WILL be dumped when a new format is adopted in 1986.

Proposals for next year that the top six from the Australian Conference and the top six from the National Conference form an NSL first division in 1986 are rumoured to be a smokescreen.

The grapevine has it that "unofficial" meetings in Sydney and Melbourne have already decided that the first division will consist of six Sydney clubs and six from Melbourne.

One "deep throat" from Melbourne claims that the clubs have already been selected, and will go into the new set-up no matter where they finish next year.

If Adelaide and Brisbane clubs are to have any say in the NSL it will be in the second division — if it is ever formed.

Word on that is that none of the clubs will want to be in the lower competition, and apart from that, the State Federations won't want their First Divisions to be eroded any further than they have been under the current set-up.

One now wonders if perhaps Leo Anezakis, the South Melbourne president who spoke out and said Brisbane teams should be thrown out of the NSL and perhaps only one Adelaide team admitted, was perhaps only saying out loud what others were thinking.

NSL manager, Stefan Kamasz, while admitting there are still rumours about the format for the League in 1986, is adamant that if the proposal that the top six from each section is accepted, it will become fact.

"Teams, no matter where they come from, will be in the NSL First Division if they finish in the top six in either of the current Conferences," he said.

"The NSL can only repeat what has been said before, and that is that the executive wants a truly national competition, and that means involving as many

States as possible.

"Adelaide and Brisbane will be in — if they make the top six."

Adelaide officials are wary of the future.

With Adelaide City in tenth place and West Adelaide eleventh, both clubs are prepared to spend money next year on players, but will change their plans if there is any doubt about not qualifying for the new set-up.

Adelaide City president, Charlie Caruso, a member of the NSL executive, is confident Adelaide and Brisbane will be in the NSL.

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I LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS SQUAD

BANG on target and comprised of Australia's finest players best equipped for the tough campaign ahead — that's Frank Arok's "training squad" for the coming world tour.

As usual "Old Fox" Arok weighed up all the options before he made his selection of 34 players.

It is a squad comprised mostly of battle-hardened performers with a sprinkling of the best youngsters.

The squad will first assemble in Sydney on September 5 and 6 and later in Canberra and Melbourne.

Injured list

Five players at present on the injured list — Jim Cant (Sydney City), David Skeen, John O'Shea (St George), Arno Bertogna (Leichhardt) and Frank Farina (Canberra) — will be given until October 8 to prove their fitness.

Coach Arok will trim the squad down to 22 players — three goalkeepers and 19 field players — for the touring party that will fly out of Sydney on November 1 bound for the Peoples Republic of China and then Europe. After the initial

training camp in Sydney, Arok will hold another two-day session in Canberra two weeks later

followed by the camp in Melbourne on October 10-11, when a game will be played in Tasmania.



Looking at the composition of the squad, it has no faults and has to be congratulated.

It is not a fly-by-night selection. Foundations were well and truly laid in the series against England last year and further developed and built upon in the recent World Soccer Series.

The success gained by coach Arok and his Soccerroos in these two ventures proved they are the best players available in Australia for national team duty.

Anybody wishing radical changes at this stage

must surely have other interests at heart and not that of a successful national Soccer selection.

It's not new talent Arok needs now, it's the valuable games against tough opposition to give his chosen players match practice required to get them to Mexico.

The world tour and next year's planning will achieve this.

I'm glad that the five injured players have been given until October to prove their fitness.

Cant in particular, is a key man in the Aus-

GOALKEEPERS: Terry Greedy (St George), Tony Pezzano (Sydney City), Anthony Franken (Canberra), Jeff Oliver (Heidelberg).

DEFENDERS: Alan Davidson (South Melbourne), Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), David Ratcliffe (St George), Steve O'Connor (Sydney City), Graham Jennings (Sydney Olympic), Peter Lewis (Melbourne Croatia), Steve Blair (South Melbourne), Tony Curcio (Melbourne Croatia), Alex Robertson (Sydney City), Mike O'Shea (St George).

MIDFIELDERS: Joe Watson (Sydney City), Ken Murphy (South Melbourne), Ian Gray (Leichhardt), Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Jim Patikas (Sydney Olympic), Tommy McCulloch (Marconi), Vlatko Belic (Footscray).

STRIKERS: Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic), John Kosmina (Sydney City), Phil O'Connor (Blacktown), Charlie Egan (South Melbourne), Rod Brown (Marconi), Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia), Wally Savor (Sydney Croatia), Tommy Cumming (Melbourne Croatia).

brigade in the squad — players such as Franken, Patikas, Gray, McCulloch, Farina and Skeen — are there on merit and have earned their places.

Also the inclusion of newcomers Graham Arnold, Wally Savor, Rod Brown, Tony Curcio, Vlatko Belic and Tommy Cumming has also come through outstanding performances by these players at club level.



PHIL O'CONNOR: a key man.

ton's ... probably Marconi's Tony Henderson could be regarded as the unluckiest.

But there again, Arok has weighed up all his options and he cannot be faulted with the men he has chosen in the central defensive positions.

As for the final 22 to tour — well it's too early to speculate, but again there seems certain to be few surprises. They are not required.

This squad has the ability to produce the goods on the world tour but also has a definite "Mexico here we come" look about it.

Comment

BY TOM ANDERSON

FRANK FARINA (left) playing for Australia against Glasgow Rangers. Farina will have to pass a fitness test to make the touring squad.

tralian set-up — especially for the tough away games where his defensive qualities will be invaluable.

The bulk of the squad are experienced players who have been through the mill at international level.

This is the only way it should be.

In the past, it has been proved at great cost that inexperienced youngsters are not equipped to handle the pressure in crucial World Cup games.

However, the younger

This now gives coach Arok and his backroom staff the chance to have a look at these newcomers in camp and under pressure training.

I'm particularly enthused by the return of Phil O'Connor — back to the national scene following his bad knee injury.

O'Connor, with his outstanding skill and valuable experience, will be a key man in Arok's plans over the next 12 months.

As for the players who have not gained selec-



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES

ROUND 23 - INTRA-CONFERENCE CHALLENGE ROUND

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1 MELBOURNE CROATIA v

WOLLONGONG CITY v
CANBERRA ARROWS
Dapto Show Ground - 7.30pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

SYDNEY CITY v
LEICHHARDT
Sydney Athletic Field - 3pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v
MARCONI
Pratten Park - 3pm

PARRA. MELITA EAGLES v
BLACKTOWN CITY
Melita Stadium - 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v
PENRITH CITY
King Tomislav - 3pm

ST GEORGE v
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD
St George Stadium - 3pm

HEIDELBERG UTD
Olympic Park - 3pm

FOOTSCRAY v
SOUTH MELBOURNE
Schintler Reserve - 3pm

PRESTON v
ADELAIDE CITY
Connor Reserve - 3pm

GREEN GULLY v
BRISBANE CITY
Green Gully - 3pm

WEST ADELAIDE v
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
Hindmarsh Stadium - 2.30pm

BRISBANE LIONS v
BRUNSWICK UTD JUV
Richlands - 3pm

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The preliminary Australian squad selected to tour the world in October is a fine crop of youth and experience.

Obviously, it was disappointing for me to miss selection but my job now is to help St George restore some lost pride and climb out of the relegation zone.

I still cling to the slight hope of making the squad because October is a long way off and anything can happen from now till then.

Key players may suffer injuries while loss of form could lead to the downfall of others.

Whatever happens, I hope the team achieves a great deal of success. With talented and experienced players such as Kosmina, Ratcliffe, Watson, O'Connor, Davidson and Jennings leading the way, Australian Soccer will

achieve the success it fully deserves.

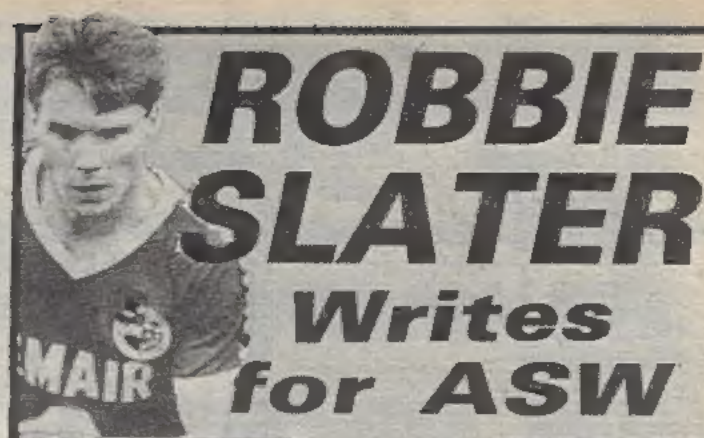
Two players, in particular, deserve their selections. Marconi's dangerous striker Rod Brown and Leichhardt's midfield maestro Ian Gray are players who have worked hard to win selection.

I'm sure many people would agree that both deserve their selection after some fine performances for their clubs this year.

It's great to see players from the 1981 and 1983 Australian Youth teams are in.

Frank Farina, Anthony Franken (Canberra Arrows), Tom McCulloch (Marconi), Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Steve Blair (South Melbourne) and, of course, Brown and Gray can only benefit from the international experience they will acquire on the tour.

ANTHONY FRANKEN saves for Australia "B" against Nottingham Forest. Franken will benefit from the world tour.



ROBBIE SLATER
Writes
for ASW

RIGHT FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

THE suggestion that Eddie Thomson might be Australian assistant coach to Frank Arok was no real surprise.

They are entirely different in style and approach and that's why they will probably succeed if they go on their first world tour together in early November.

I have been under both coaches this year — Arok at club level and Thomson during the World Soccer Series.

Arok is an efficient worker who keeps things running smoothly all the time — not just in coaching, but in all facets involved in running a club.

He has a certain style which is familiar to that of managers in the English first division.

Tactically, there is none better than Arok.

Just look at last year's series against England and this year's World Soccer Series.

No-one expected Australia to achieve such fine results but through Arok's tactics and strategy the Socceros succeeded.

When I was under Thomson in the Australia 'B' team earlier this year, the one thing that stood out was his approach to each individual player.

He knows how to motivate a player before, during and after a game. His training sessions, although arduous, helped me in many ways.

I'm sure both Arok and Thomson can combine to form an unbeatable combination.

SAINTS MISSION

STOP SENKALSKI

ST GEORGE, after last Sunday's draw with Sydney Croatia, will be looking forward with more confidence to their challenge round match against Newcastle Rosebud next Sunday at the St George Stadium.

These clubs met just two weeks ago, with Newcastle defeating last year's NSL champions 3-1.

Chief destroyer in that match was Newcastle's magical midfield architect Joe Senkowski, easily the NSL's best ball-distributor in my opinion.

No doubt Saints coach Frank Arok will take measures this time to have Senkowski bottled up.

The Saints desperately need both points if they are to avoid being relegated at the end of this season.

Arok more than likely will settle on his three tried and tested strikers, Robbie Slater, Peter Petkovski and Dez Marton.

The Saints will be without star midfielder Johnny O'Shea, who went into hospital last week for an operation.

One player going through the horrors during recent weeks is Saints' flank-striker Robbie Slater.

Ironically, it was against Newcastle Rosebud two weeks ago when St George coach Frank Arok dropped Slater from the First XI.

Hopefully, this young player can bounce back and provide the St George attack with some much-needed pace and width.



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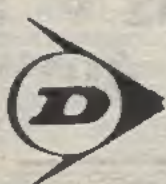
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Tuesday October 30 U13 & U14

Thursday November 1 U15 & U16

Tuesday November 6 U13 & U14

Thursday November 8 U15 & U16

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H'BERG	22	12	6	4	32	18	30	9	2	2	23	12	20	3	4	2	9	6	10		
STH MELB	22	13	3	6	36	18	29	6	3	2	20	6	15	7	0	4	16	12	14		
MELB CROATIA	22	11	7	4	34	23	29	7	4	1	18	8	18	4	3	3	16	15	11		
BRUNSWICK	22	10	4	8	25	33	24	5	2	3	13	14	12	5	2	5	12	19	12		
FOOTSCRAY	22	9	4	9	26	23	22	3	2	5	11	11	8	6	2	4	15	12	14		
BRIS LIONS	22	9	4	9	32	31	22	5	3	3	18	15	13	4	1	6	14	16	9		
AD CITY	22	8	4	10	26	26	20	5	3	4	17	13	13	3	1	6	9	13	7		
BRIS CITY	22	8	4	10	16	26	20	3	3	6	6	11	9	5	1	4	10	15	11		
GR GULLY	22	7	5	10	28	31	19	4	2	4	17	15	10	3	3	5	10	13	9		
PRESTON	22	7	4	11	35	33	18	4	3	4	24	14	11	3	1	7	11	19	7		
WEST AD	22	6	4	12	33	41	16	5	2	5	25	18	12	1	2	7	8	23	4		
SUNSHINE	22	4	6	12	19	44	14	2	4	5	8	10	8	2	2	7	11	34	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
SYD CITY	22	14	6	2	54	16	34	6	2	1	29	9	14	8	4	1	25	7	20
OLYMPIC	22	11	7	4	43	22	29	5	3	2	21	11	13	6	4	2	22	11	16
LEICHHARDT	22	11	6	5	37	26	28	7	1	3	19	12	15	4	5	2	18	14	13
MARCONI	22	9	6	7	44	29	24	7	2	4	25	13	16	2	4	3	19	16	8
PARRA MELITA	22	7	8	7	21	24	22	3	3	5	10	14	9	4	5	2	11	10	13
SYD CROATIA	22	6	9	7	27	34	21	2	3	4	10	16	7	4	6	3	17	18	14
PENRITH	22	6	9	7	24	32	21	4	4	3	14	17	12	2	5	4	10	15	9
BLACKTOWN	22	7	6	9	31	40	20	4	5	3	22	21	13	3	1	6	9	19	7
NEWCASTLE	22	8	3	11	28	45	19	6	1	3	16	14	13	2	2	8	12	31	6
ST GEORGE	22	5	8	9	29	34	18	3	6	3	17	15	12	2	2	6	12	19	6
CANBERRA	22	8	1	13	35	33	17	5	0	6	19	12	10	3	1	7	16	21	7
W'GONG	22	4	4	14	15	48	12	3	1	6	9	18	7	1	3	8	6	30	5

RESULTS

• ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Villani 2, Flounders) GREEN GULLY 1 Vassallo) at Olympic Sports Field. CROWD: 1,000.
 • SUNSHINE 2 (Jovanovic, Latif) WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Chaplin Reserve. CROWD: 1,200.
 • PRESTON 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Brown) at Connor Reserve. CROWD: 5,000.
 • BRISBANE CITY 0 BRUNSWICK 1 (Miranda) at Spencer Park. CROWD: 1,487.
 • HEIDELBERG 1 (Valentine) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Heidelberg. CROWD: 3,200.
 • MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Brogan) NEWCASTLE 1 (Milosevic) at Olympic Park. CROWD: 2000.

• PENRITH 1 (McDonald og) PARRA MELITA 1 (Andricopoulos) at Cook Park. CROWD: 721.
 • ST GEORGE 1 (Koczka) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold) St George Stadium. CROWD: 3,922.
 • LEICHHARDT 0 BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Anderson) at Henson Park. CROWD: 1,112.
 • BLACKTOWN 1 (O'Connor) SYDNEY CITY 4 (Barnes, Lee, Kosmina, Kay) at Gabbie Stadium. CROWD: 1,102.
 • MARCONI 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Katholos) at Marconi Stadium. CROWD: 3,160.
 • CANBERRA 4 (Gibson 2, Harkins, Bryant) WOLLONGONG 0 at National Sports Centre. CROWD: 768.

TOP SCORERS

18 — Kosmina (SC)
 15 — D. Brown (SM)
 11 — Arnold (S. Cr)
 10 — Bradley (L)
 Lowe (M),
 Katholos (SO)
 9 — Cairney (BL)
 Lewis (GG)
 Patterson (H)
 Winn (H)
 R. Brown (M)
 Konstandopoulos (WA)
 Patikas (SO)
 8 — Farina (CA)
 McCulloch (M)
 Brandt (NR)
 7 — Sweeney (BJ)
 Jankovics (M)
 Marton (SG)
 Fletcher (SC)
 Egan (SM)
 Jackson (PC)
 Bryant (CA)
 Brogan (MC)



YAKKA BANOVIC STORMS OUT

BY HARRY HALL

FORMER Derby County goalkeeper Yakka Banovic has been disillusioned with the treatment he's receiving from Melbourne Croatia.

Banovic walked out of the dressing room shortly before Sunday's game in protest against coach Tony Vrzina's decision to leave him on the bench again.

Banovic complained bitterly, saying that the club has failed to fulfil its promises.

Meanwhile, Melbourne Croatia dropped a valuable

championship point in the 1-1 draw against lowly placed Newcastle Rosebud at Olympic Park.

Croatia surrendered second spot in the National Conference to South Melbourne who defeated Preston, 1-0 at Connor Reserve, and the critics suggest that unless they improve their performances in the weeks to come they

may have to be content with only a place in the top five.

The game developed into a see-saw affair with neither side exercising initiative. In spite of their superiority Melbourne Croatia wasted energy in midfield play and that resulted in Newcastle organising their defence effectively.

A scoreless first half was a clear indication of the outcome of the game. With Croatia starting to push forward in the second half it appeared that the home team would break the deadlock had they relied on the speed and penetration of their forward Tommy Cumming.

In fact, it was little Cumming who helped Croatia take the lead in the 78th minute. He burst forward and after evading successive tackles he stepped into goalie Clint Gosling's area where he was brought down by the defence. Referee Evan Venios pointed to the penalty spot and David Brogan converted.

Newcastle responded to the challenge and within five minutes levelled through Dean Milosevic.

Milosevic latched onto a through ball and burst forward, outpaced the defence and lobbed the ball over the advancing Peter Blasby.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Parton, Adams, Deankovic, Antovic, Markovac (Campbell 68), Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Cumming.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Meier, Boogaard, Owens, Thomson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Todd, Allen.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny, Kay (P. Falconer 88), Watson, Barnes, Lee, Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 1,102.

REFEREE: E. Venios. ATTENDANCE: 2,000.

TREMENDOUS STUFF AS SAINTS GRAB LATE GOAL



ANDY KOZKA: Saints scorer

BY TOM ANDERSON

A GREAT deal more than the result came out of the highly-entertaining clash between St George and Sydney Croatia that ended in a 1-1 draw at the St George Stadium.

Two features were that Saints seem to have turned the corner and now have a distinct chance of escaping relegation, and Croatia now have a team to be reckoned with in the run home for a place in the top five.

This was a tremendous clash filled with exciting counter-attacking football that saw the action see-saw from end to end at breathtaking pace.

Croatia grabbed the lead through a goal from Graham Arnold in the 44th minute in a first half that was even.

For 20 minutes after the interval, Saints slumped and it looked the end of the line with State League staring them in the face.

But then Croatia went on the defensive and attempted to tie the game up.

This was the rock they perished on and indeed the break Saints coach Frank Arok had been waiting for.

He threw men forward into attack and grabbed complete control of the pro-

ceedings during the last 30 minutes of play.

This was rewarded in the 83rd minute by the equalising goal from striker Andy Koczka and the points were shared.

Billed as a relegation struggle, this was one of the most entertaining and enjoyable games seen in Sydney this season.

Also it was played in a manner that did both teams proud.

There were good players all over the field with David Ratcliffe, Pedro Ricoy and David Skeen on the ball for Saints and Greg Woodhouse, Wally Savor and Graham Arnold in fine form for Croatia.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Koczka, Stone, Barton, Ricoy, Slater, Petkovski, Marton.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Woods, Tomasic, Vidaic, Sterrey, Savor, Rozic, Godzik, Borges, Arnold, Jurin.

REFEREE: K. Small. CROWD: 3,922.

SLICKERS BOUNCE BACK

SOCCEROO Joe Watson inspired Sydney City to a convincing 4-1 win over Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

Watson, one of Australia's most experienced midfielders, continually ignited the visitors into attack with his pin-point distribution.

Watson provided the lead-up for the first two Sydney City goals.

Murray Barnes, who missed the previous game against Leichhardt through injury, stunned the home supporters when he headed a Watson free-kick into goal after only 60 seconds.

Blacktown responded in the 18th minute.

Phil O'Connor, selected in the preliminary Socceroo squad to tour the world in November, broke clear of the Sydney City defence to score a fine solo goal.

Ironically, both O'Connor and Barnes had opportunities to add to the scoreline in the first half.

Barnes almost scored his double in the 24th minute but his powerful header was brilliantly saved by Blacktown goalie Barry Hoare.

Two minutes before the break, a corner-kick by O'Connor surprised the

Sydney City defence when it hit the woodwork and bounced clear.



GRANT LEE

The second half proved a different story with Sydney City controlling play

and creating the better goalscoring chances.

An angled shot from Sydney City striker Grant Lee brought a fine fingertip save from Hoare in the 49th minute.

This didn't deter Lee and nine minutes later he scored after Watson and Barnes provided the lead-up.

John Kosmina strengthened his NSL goalscoring leadership, scoring his 17th goal in the 74th minute.

Paul Kay, one of Sydney City's best players, sealed Blacktown's fate scoring the fourth goal in the 85th minute.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selvage, Thornthwaite, Byrne, Sandy, Larkin (McLaughlin 75), O'Connor.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny, Kay (P. Falconer 88), Watson, Barnes, Lee, Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 1,102.

KAT'S KICK WINS TWO POINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

A CONTROVERSIAL 41st minute penalty scored by midfielder Peter Katholos enabled Sydney Olympic to toss Marconi 1-0 at Marconi Stadium and climb to second spot on the ladder for the first time this year.

Referee Tim Davies awarded the penalty after it appeared Marconi centre-back Steve Calderan had fouled Olympic's Mark Koussas.

Calderan adamantly stated in the dressing room after the match: "I played the ball and Koussas dived."

Marconi suffered a severe setback when, as early as the seventh minute, Mark Jankovics came off with a pulled calf muscle. He was replaced by winger Rene Licata.

Marconi sadly missed Jankovics' thrusts from midfield, and Olympic's trio of Jimmy Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos and Peter Katholos dominated proceedings.

Marconi made a mistake, especially in the first half, when they allowed Raskopoulos heaps of space, which he used effectively with his ability to spray

balls all over the pitch and set the Olympic attack in motion.

Marshall Soper split Marconi's defence in the 20th minute to knock in a square ball for Koussas, but he missed a golden chance from point-blank range.

Just before the break, Soper blasted a vicious shot from an angle that flashed past the Marconi post.

In the first session, Olympic looked much faster than Marconi, but countless raids broke down with poor finishing.

Marconi appeared content to sit and wait for Olympic to come at them, and counter on the breaks. But in the second half, it was a different story.

Marconi pushed forward much more. In the 46th minute, Craig Mason smashed a close-range shot in a stacked Olympic

penalty area, with goalkeeper Gary Meier scrambling to cover his post.

Marconi again applied pressure just 60 seconds later, ending with a cracking shot from Rod Brown crashing against Sydney Olympic's crossbar.

But Olympic broke away in the 53rd minute through Soper on the right. He cut a pass infield to Katholos, who blasted a first-time drive just outside Marconi's goal.

Best performers for Sydney Olympic were Soper and centre-back Mike Coady, but "Man Of the Match" was Marconi's Berti Mariani, whose covering tackles repeatedly broke up Olympic threats.

After the match, disappointed Marconi coach Les Scheinflug stated: "It was a match that could have gone either way. The early loss of Jankovics and the

gift penalty swayed heavily in Olympic's favour."

MARCONI: James; Carter, Calderan, Mariani, Spanos; Jankovics (Licata 7 - Carbone 71), Mason, McCulloch; Sharne, Brown, Lowe.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Jennings; Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Soper, Koussas, Kalantzis (Lambropoulos 79).

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 3,160.

ARROWS WIN AT LAST

AT LAST . . . victory for those blunted Canberra Arrows!

Having gone through a horror patch of seven games without a win, Canberra thrashed bottom team Wollongong Wolves 4-0 at Bruce Stadium.

Ian Gibson opened the

scoring in 22 minutes but there were no further goals in the first half.

Arrows were awarded a penalty kick after 58 minutes but Wolves goalkeeper Ron Tilsed saved Steve Bryant's shot.

Seven minutes later, Tilsed saved another penalty but it had to be retaken because he had moved and Gibson put the home side 2-0 in front.

Jim Harkins made it 3-0 for Arrows a quarter-of-an-hour before the end and Bryant sealed things at 4-0 during injury-time.

Wolves' John Fleming was sent off after 73 minutes.

PLAYMAKER NEEDED AT PENRITH

BY BRAD EARL

PENRITH CITY must sign a midfield playmaker for 1985 . . . that was coach Willie Wallace's verdict after the Panthers' 1-1 draw with Parramatta Melita at Cook Park.

"We've got nothing creative in the midfield," Wallace said. "We've got guys who work and run, but we need a playmaker."

This was a match in which a win to either side would have gone a long way to deciding the vital fifth place, yet it was a fizzer, spoiled by continual stoppages.

As Wallace said: "The two sides should have been at each other's throats."

After only 13 minutes, Ray Farrugia produced a brilliant shot from the 18-yard line — an area where he is so dangerous — but in-form Penrith keeper Mike Gibson tipped the ball over the bar.

Melita coach Raul Blanco's decision to switch Alec Jamieson from a wide midfield position to a position just behind twin strikers Paul Andricopoulos and Stuart Johnston paid dividends in the 77th minute.

Receiving the ball in the centre of the park and drawing Penrith sweeper Paul Daley, Jamieson pushed the ball through for the unmarked Andricopoulos to turn and squeeze the ball wide of Gibson and just inside the post.

It was a welcome return to NSL football for the young striker, who was selected ahead of Derek Laing, Dennis Duarte and John McKie.

Melita were only a minute away from two points when a defensive mix-up conceded the equalising goal.

Penrith captain Mickey Cross did the damage with a powerful cross from wide on the left. Melita stopper Steve McDonald prepared to clear, but as keeper Alex McPherson came out,



PAUL ANDRICOPOULOS

McDonald attempted to stop but the ball deflected off his head and into goal.

Blanco was pleased with the "battling" performance of his team, and he believes the Eagles will make the playoffs.

"We've hung on to fifth place for a long time, and I think we'll hang on all year now," Blanco said.

Penrith and Sydney Croatia are one point behind, and these two sides meet in the challenge round next Sunday.

However, Wallace called for a better attitude from some players.

"One thing we must do if we are going to make the top five is to compete," he said. "We went through the motions today and we were very lucky to take a point."

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh; Wotherspoon (Nix 70), Ainsworth, Hale (Fitzharris 58); Hunter, Cotton, Jackson.

PARRA MELITA: McPherson; McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, McDonald; Farrugia, Allan, Davies; Jamieson; Johnston (Laing 70), Andricopoulos.

REFEREE: G. Warne.
CROWD: 721.

Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Robert Farrow punches clear under pressure from Leichhardt's Mark Pullen, with help from teammates Ray Junna (left) and Bobby McSkimming.



LIONS WIN SCRAPPY MATCH

BY KEITH GILMOUR

BRISBANE LIONS in all honesty classed their display as scrappy, but they deserved their 1-0 win over Leichhardt Apia at Henson Park.

Having rolled leaders Sydney City the previous week, it was a letdown game for the Apia boys, although coach Fil Bottalico said they had done all they could.

Getting down to tinnies, there was not the depth available to enable Leichhardt to keep up the pressure on the Slickers.

Peter Tredinnick and Arno Bertogna were out with injuries from the previous week and John Bradley was suspended, so all field departments were considerably weakened.

Both Bertogna and Tredinnick would like to be ready to play against their former club Newcastle in the NSL Cup semi-final on Wednesday night, but of the pair Bertogna has the better chance.

Too often on the day Ian Gray was working on his own to set up movements and that simply is not good enough.

A magnificent long distance Russell Stewart throw set the scene for Lions' goal just before half-time. The ball was touched on and the completely unmarked Clark Anderson did the rest.

Lions' Alan Hunter led a very determined defence which close-marked the opposing attackers out of the game.

Steven Jackson did a tidy job also and there was not one player who did not pull his weight.

This team has taken 12 points out of the last 18 and many others would like to show that result for their efforts.

Leichhardt pressed hard over the final 15 minutes and Tony Morsello twice went close.

In the toughest passage, Lions goalkeeper Rob Farrow twice left his goal to punch the ball clear in a strong display.

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Bozanic, Brown, van Egmond, Pullen, Butler, Genovese, Gray, Caban, de Ceglie, Morsello.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, McSkimming, Hunter, Niven, R.Stewart, J.Stewart, Anderson (Vasquez), McDonagh, Junna, Daunt.

REFEREE: P.Ramplsey.
CROWD: 1,112.

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ROUND UP

THIS WASN'T BOBBY'S DAY

BY GREG RUSSELL

TINY midfielder Bobby Hamilton was the unfortunate villain of Brisbane City's unlucky 1-0 loss to Brunswick Juventus at Spencer Park.

It was Hamilton's error which allowed Brunswick to score only three minutes into the game.

Then in the second half he "bombed" an opportunity to atone for his mistake when he scooped his shot across the goal with only goalkeeper George Martin to beat.

Hamilton was City's leading scorer last year and when he broke away everyone expected him to score.

But it was not Hamilton's day. That was obvious after his unintentional key role in the Juventus goal.

Juventus midfielder Rob Cullen, whose workrate nearly earned him two goals with one attempt hitting the upright, broke down the right but skewed his cross too deep.

Hamilton, on the edge of the penalty box, found himself in possession but facing his own goal.

As Juventus players closed on him from all angles, Hamilton back-heeled in an attempt to get the ball away from the danger zone.

His skill only proved to give Richard Miranda a perfect pass and he brilliantly cracked his shot into



BOBBY HAMILTON

the top corner of the goal.

Minutes later, Juventus were lucky to survive a penalty appeal after suspected hand-ball by Paul Drinoski, then they spent much of the remainder of the game turning back waves of City's attacks.

But for all their efforts the home side never looked like scoring, except for Hamilton's chance. The absence of an experienced finisher in the City team was again painfully

obvious.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Milovanovic, Perry, Liddell, Bromfield, O'Maye (Swan 63) Pimblett, Hamilton, Fabrizio (Pagan 76), Walsh, Mengotti.

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS: Martin, Drinoski, Geremia, Brown, Campbell, Cullen, Dowie, Miranda, Sweeney, Lloyd, Zinni.

REFEREE: D. Nugent.
CROWD: 1,487.

OLVER STEALS THE SHOW

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

A BRILLIANT goalkeeping exhibition by Jeff Olver inspired Heidelberg United to their narrow 1-0 win over Footscray at Olympic Village.

Olver was man of the match, making repeated saves from Brian O'Donnell, Zdravko Lujic and Jamie Paton to keep Heidelberg in the lead in the second half during which Footscray dominated and created a glut of scoring opportunities.

The absence of captain Theo Selemidis forced Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey to experiment with youngsters Steve Tasios and John Metaxas. It proved very successful since the two youngsters contributed to Heidelberg's win with their enthusiasm and fighting spirit.

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic also had to reshuffle his side to cover the loss of key defender Igor Hazabent. Young Tom Karic was assigned defensive duties and he impressed the 3,000 spectators with his fighting spirit and anticipation.

Heidelberg burst into attack right from the start and within two minutes Steve Winn had found the net only to have it disallowed for offside.

The home team, though playing against the wind, persevered with their attacks and finally hit the lead in the eighth minute when Mike Valentine slotted in the net a square ball by Steve Tasios.

Stuart Stevenson brought the crowd to their toes with some brilliant footwork but the nippy forward failed to find the net on a couple of occasions with only Boland to beat.

Footscray reversed the tide in the second half and pounded Olver's goal from all directions, desperately searching for the equaliser.

It was during Footscray's dominance that keeper Olver excelled.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver, McKie, Angele, McLeod, Yankos, Metaxas, Petersen, Tasios, Valentine, Stevenson, Winn (Tzitzis 75).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Caban (Paton 27), Karic, Tansey, Belic, Curovic, Carroll, Lamanovic, O'Donnell, Lujic.

REFEREE: Stuart Mellings.
ATTENDANCE: 3,000.



YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE!

BY DAVID BECK

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS delighted their loyal supporters with a comfortable 2-0 win over West Adelaide at Chaplin Reserve.

The disciplined George Cross side outclassed their opposition from the first quarter of the game and demoralised them with some blistering attacks throughout the opening half.

Brilliant goalkeeping by West Adelaide's Garry Sproul denied George an early lead.

The experienced keeper bounced rubber-like in his goal to parry and block shots from all directions.

In four instances, three of them involving Ossie Latif, Sproul just managed to get his hands to the ball to stop it crossing the line.

The situation changed, however, in the second half when Slodovan Jovanovic volleyed home a loose clearance by Sproul to put George in the lead.

The goal whetted the appetite of the home team and in the 70th minute, Latif was rewarded for his efforts with the second goal.

While George Cross celebrated their win, West Adelaide were seriously pondering their future in this year's championship, as their defeat pushed them down to second last placing, only two points above Sunshine. They meet for the second time next Sunday.

GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Campbell, Scerri, O'Reilly, Bain, MacLaren, Faulkner, Jovanovic, Toal, Pit, Latif.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou

(Moussoulas 17), Honeyman, McGachey, McGregor, Panagis, Hiern, Brown, Malavazos, Manou, Papadopoulos.

REFEREE: J. Fokianos.
ATTENDANCE: 1,000.

10-MAN SOUTHS JUST SURVIVE

BY ROBERT TRAINER

PRESTON took a nose-dive last Sunday and seem certain to finish in the bottom four, following their defeat at home by South Melbourne 0-1.

Though reduced to 10 men from the 39th minute when referee Jim Fearn sent off Socceroo Kenny Murphy, South Melbourne hung on desperately to their lead to add another two points to their tally and hold second spot on the table.

VILLANI SEALS WIN

BY TOM MCKAIN

GUTSY Green Gully, reduced to 10 men for the last 28 minutes, failed to stop Adelaide City winning 3-1 in the mud and rain at Olympic Sports Field.

The score was 2-1 for the home side when referee Mike Browning rather harshly (and even the home fans thought so) sent Bobbie McGuiness of for dissent, after he had been booked earlier for the same offence.

The Victorians, already minus three key players, Paul Lewis and Les Carter, both out suspended, and Ken Smart injured — were trailing 2-1 at the time.

Centre back Neville Flounders had headed home a free kick from the right in the 17th minute, then Charlie Villani made it 2-0 from another free on

the right when he slid onto a ball which beat everyone in the mud and sand as it came across low in the 37th minute.

Willie Vassallo then gave a fighting Gully hope when he latched onto a rebound from a poor clearance in the 46th minute.

With the wind behind them Gully charged, but the equaliser never came against a fighting home defence.

Instead, Villani struck again for City after Peter Rankin had come on from the right to shoot and saw Villani collect a rebound in

the 75th minute.

The win was vital for City who are away for the next two weeks but are up from 10th place to 7th, while Green Gully dropped to 9th.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cecere (Shillabeer 75), Nyskohos, Flounders, Melta, Maxwell, Vallani, Gatenby, Mullen, Rankin.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Beranic, Hogben, Cannell, Wade, Vassallo, Smallman, Williams, Mancinelli, McLelland, McGuiness.

REFEREE: M. Browning.
ATTENDANCE: 1,576.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

Murphy was sent off in the 36th minute after a clash with Preston's forward Claud Lucchesi.

Under-manned South Melbourne organised themselves into defence for the remainder of the game and weathered a lot of pressure as Preston lifted their game and attacked incessantly from all directions.

But their dominance did not produce any results as forwards hastily squandered opportunity upon opportunity in both halves.

Ironically, it was former Preston forward and top scorer Doug Brown who broke the deadlock in the 50th minute.

Brown connected with a through ball from young Angelo Postecoglou, deputising for Steve Blair, and hammered the ball home through the hands of Preston keeper Richard Wilson.

Preston continued their attacks till the end of the game, but to no avail as the South defence stood solid to deny them the equaliser.

The absence of Preston midfielder Zarko Odzakovic upset his team a lot because they badly missed his service.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Dunn, McMillan, Dobson, Heys, Lucchesi, Flavell, Campbell, Lane, Cole (Ilioski 60).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Kalefatis, Yzendoorn, Kostekoglou, Crino, Davidson, Kanessoulis, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.
ATTENDANCE: 4,500.



ZARKO ODZAKOV: missed



"At least we don't have any crowd trouble here. Most of them are asleep!"

MARIANI KEEPS JOB

MARCONI, after losing 0-1 on Sunday to Sydney Olympic at Marconi Stadium, will be out for revenge when the teams meet again in the challenge round at Pratten Park.

In last Sunday's clash, centre-back Berti Mariani, filling in for the suspended Tony Henderson, played an outstanding game.

In fact, had it not been for Mariani's superb reading and excellent covering

tackles (especially on Jimmy Patikas), Marconi's loss may have been greater.

Marconi will be bolstered by the return of club captain Henderson, but they have lost attacking midfielder Mark Jankovics.

Jankovics came off in the seventh minute last Sunday with a pulled calf muscle.

Les Scheinflug, Marconi's coach, said: "I hope it will be a different story next Sunday."

"No matter what, Berti Mariani, who filled in for Henderson the last two weeks, will definitely be in the team."

"I may push Hendo into the midfield or play Johnny Spanos there and switch the centre-backs."

Meanwhile, Henderson said: "We will be looking for revenge for last Sunday's home loss. We gave them too much space then. That won't happen again."

The match will turn out to be a grudge duel between the two club presidents.

Marconi's Ron Cavignino threw down the gauntlet to Sydney Olympic's Jim Petinellis, when he challenged: "Wait till next week. Olympic will get nothing."

Petinellis answered back: "Anytime son. Even with your Henderson."

If Marconi is to reverse last Sunday's result, Olympic captain Peter Raskopoulos will have to be given much less space.

Last Sunday, "Rasko" was allowed to spray balls at will all over the park to set up Olympic attacks, especially in the first half.



TONY HENDERSON

FISH 'N' CHIPS ARE SIGN OF THE TIMES

THE changing times and their effect on Soccer in England is reflected in the move to fish and chip meals for second division Crystal Palace.

Palace, with a ground capacity of around 80,000, has been playing to crowds of under 10,000.

Palace's experience is typical of the trend in England and to a certain extent in other parts of the world.

Palace players henceforth will not stay overnight when playing in the Midlands or in the north of England.

They will travel from their London base by bus on the day of the match and will lunch at one of the modest cafes which proliferate the motorways of England.

Memories

Dinner after the game will no doubt be similar fare in a similar environment on the way home.

I remember playing in England with Gloucester City in the Southern League, a league for part-time players who held down full-time jobs.

Our match days were the same as those now being experienced by Palace.

Pie and chips at a working man's cafe on the way to the game, sandwiches and drinks on the bus on the way home.

I remember the year I

played with Gloucester, a club in the mid-west of England, when we stopped off at a roadside cafe for lunch which was suddenly swamped with masses of Fulham supporters who were going up to Villa Park in Birmingham for Fulham's Cup semi-final with Arsenal.

It was seeing those supporters with the banners, black and white scarfs and all the other cup-tie razzamatazz which sparked in me a desire to return to big-time Soccer.

I remembered how it was at my hometown club Newcastle United where we would walk through the town with idols Jackie Milburn and Bobby Mitchell, who had film star status in the town, as did the other United stars.

A four-course lunch was provided free each day for all the full-time professionals at an expensive restaurant.

A pre-match meal was also provided for the first and reserve teams before a game, home and away.

We would stay overnight at five-star hotels - places which were only four hours away by bus.

As a youngster used to pie and chips, fish and chips and jam on bread,

BY MIKE JOHNSON

the exotic dishes such as calamari, rockmelon and strawberries and cream were something out of this world.

Visits to movie theatres were also free at Newcastle and when I moved to Brighton, a team then only in the third division, we also used to watch ice hockey free and other public entertainments, as well as food came free.

So when I saw the Fulham supporters en route to Villa Park for the semi-final as a still very young man, I longed once more for that "big-time" stuff.

Indeed, the following year I signed for Fulham and found out what it was like to spend a full week in camp in a luxury hotel before each round of the FA Cup, which once more took us into the semi-finals.

However, in our team was a Soccer genius called Johnny Haynes who was captain of England and who only earned £10 a week the same as myself who was far, far inferior to him as a player.

All players in England earned the same wage at that time.

'New deal'

This strange situation, which had existed for decades, was changed the following season and Haynes' wage overnight went up to £100 per week, while I, his left wing partner on many occasions, stayed at £10 - which was about right.

It was this "new deal" which sowed the seeds of financial deprivation which so many clubs in England, as in the rest of the world, now experience.

Players wages since that time have gone up in a startling, extravagant and, in most cases, excessive fashion.



ion, while crowds everywhere have been diminishing.

Australia is no different to anywhere else.

The days of the massive crowds at club games would appear to be a thing of the past.

In time massive pay cheques to players may cease, apart from to those stars playing for top clubs.

The elite

It does appear that the trend in most sports today is for an elite group of highly paid participants with the mass of performers under them being much more modestly paid.

This is one of the reasons that, without being well-informed on all aspects, I am inclined to favour the proposition of an eventual 12-team first division of our National League, supported by regionalised divisions and State leagues.

An elite group of 12 clubs with access to others via automatic relegation and promotion seems to be taking the path the future requires.

Money counts, and in time this league would be stabilised to perhaps an even smaller elite of seven or eight "big" clubs, joined from time to time by others who have their place in the sun for a while.

All of Soccer from the juniors up would feed these elite National League clubs who would in turn feed the main standard-bearer for our Soccer - the national team.

NSL CHALLENGE ROUND

SYDNEY OLYMPIC



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MARCONI



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SYDNEY OLYMPIC's international striker Marshall Soper climbs high to meet a cross against Footscray.

Soper, as well as being a goalscorer, lately has proved to be a creator with his excellent crosses and chips into the box for Patikas and Koussas. Soper is one of the real personalities in the NSL.

★★

NEXT SUNDAY



MARCONI defender John Spanos races across in cover to shut down Sydney Olympic's speedy midfielder Jimmy Patikas. Peter Katholos looks on.

PRATTEN PARK

★★



MIKE COADY (foreground), Sydney Olympic's centre-back, angles out Penrith striker Roy Cotton.

Coady is the backbone of the Olympic defence.

Much of Olympic's success this year has been due to his consistent performances, which has lifted the team into second place on the Australian Conference ladder.

Marconi strikers will have great difficulty passing him.

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BROWN IS A GOOD CHOICE

ONE player who doesn't need any introduction to representative Soccer is Marconi striker Rod Brown.

A surprise omission from both the Australian 'A' and 'B' squads during the recent World Soccer Series, Brown is one of the 34 hopefuls



DAVID LOWE

who have won selection in the preliminary Australian squad to tour overseas in November.

Brown, who has scored 10 goals in the NSL this year, is one of Australia's deadliest and most explosive strikers.

So much so, that in the two years he has been playing with Marconi he has drawn immense praise from all supporters.

Brown's selection in the squad brought praise from club and ex-Youth Soccer coach Les Scheinflug.

"Rod is a young player with tremendous potential," he said.

"He has outstanding qualities and I hope he will continue to succeed at the game."

"Brown never shirked his duties before thousands of spectators during the World Youth Championship in Mexico last year and I'm sure a trip away with the Australian team in November will be beneficial to him and the Australian team in the long run," Scheinflug added.

A full-time student with the Australian Institute of Sport in 1982, Brown was delight-



BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

ed with his selection.

"It's great to be selected because I wasn't really expecting it," he said.

"I've been happy with my form this year and I've been scoring consistently."

After the World Soccer Series I didn't think I had a chance of being selected."

On Marconi and former youth team-mate David Lowe's non-selection he added: "We've been together since the early preparations of last year's youth team and David has been in great form after some early setbacks this year. I'm surprised he missed out."

Brown's full-time stint at the Institute in 1982 helped

further develop his game.

"It kept my mind entirely on Soccer. We trained in the mornings and afternoons. I had a job at the Institute during the day."

"Consequently, you concentrated so much more on Soccer. Don't forget that current NSL players Frank Farina, Roy Jones, Anthony Fransen (Canberra), Michael McLaughlin (Blacktown City) and Jean Paul de Marigny (Sydney City) also benefitted from their stay there in 1982," added Brown.

A quiet unassuming young man, Rod Brown deserves all the credit that comes his way. At only 20, he has a huge future ahead of him.

AN INSIGHT INTO APIA JUNIORS

ASW conducted an interview with APIA's Youth League delegate, Frank La Machhia, to see how the club ticks and to give an insight into how APIA conduct their Youth League teams.

ASW: How does your club select a Youth League coach?

LA MACHHIA: First he must possess a solid and passionate background in the game. Then he must have strong junior coaching ability and must be fiercely loyal to the club. Also he must be willing to involve himself completely in the running and the affairs of the club.

Actually, very rarely do we appoint an outsider to any of our Youth League positions. I must also mention, no matter how good a coach's qualifications may be, we do not appoint any person as either coach or manager who has a son or relative in any of the four sides.

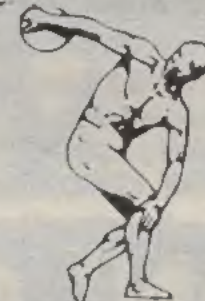
ASW: Have you appointed your Youth League coaches for 1985?

LA MACHHIA: No, but our four appointed Youth League coaches will be in attendance for our trials in October. But I really can't see many change within our coaching ranks as all our coaches rotate from year to year.

ASW: In reference to your trials, in the past criticism has been levelled at the way a lot of Youth League clubs, association representative teams and State squads conduct

their trials and final selections.

LA MACHHIA: We strongly believe when conducting trials that our four Youth League coaches select the 16 players as a block for each squad. For example, our U13 coach does not select our U13 Youth League squad alone.



ASW: What is the aim of your Youth League teams?

LA MACHHIA: Today's society unfortunately breeds a win-at-all-costs attitude. However, our club cannot change that type of attitude. But we instil into our players that they must at all times develop their character and game so as to place them into a situation where they can break through into the club's senior teams.

ASW: Where do most of your Youth League players come from?

LA MACHHIA: A large proportion of them come through the club's junior ranks, some of them hav-

ing played for the club for up to eight seasons.

A number of administrators in the game tend to think that Australian-born boys of Italian origin go to APIA. I would like to state publicly that we are only interested in a player's ability. This is fact and not fiction, as our present-day Youth League squads contain an array of all nationalities. Our main aim is to support and promote junior Soccer in Australia.

ASW: Have any of your players been selected in any of the NSW State squads?

LA MACHHIA: Yes, we were proud and honoured to have had five players selected in the various State teams this season. Also I must mention the fact that we support our State players financially and we encourage all our boys to trial for the State teams.

ASW: Who finances your Youth League teams?

LA MACHHIA: Indirectly the APIA Club Ltd, but our junior club conduct all the various activities to raise funds that other junior clubs are involved in. Sponsorship helps also, but times are getting harder. We still manage to outfit all our Youth League players with their entire gear, including tracksuits.

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METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONS — APIA UNDER 15 YOUTH LEAGUE SQUAD 1984
From left: T. Neate, D. Radice, R. Zappia, M. Haunold, M. Lenehan, E. Monardo, J. Bresolin, A. Sinclair, A. Radice, V. De Angellis, T. Cellucci, S. Lahiff, A. Genovese, P. Bourke, C. Colro.



THE APIA UNDER 16 YOUTH LEAGUE SQUAD 1984
From left: Frank La Machhia (coach), L. Lopes, T. Cabasi, S. Zullo, P. De Angelis, G. Bartolillo, M. Pevello, R. Gianetta, A. Parison, P. Di Natale, J. Van Blerk, M. Chiandotto, P. Kipriano, V. Speranza, J. Simoni, J. Briggs, G. Speranza (manager).



THE APIA UNDER 14 YOUTH LEAGUE SQUAD 1984
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THE APIA UNDER 13 YOUTH LEAGUE SQUAD 1984
From left: S. Sapione (manager), P. Rakin, S. Orsatti, D. Silvester, D. Martino, F. Brovic, T. Marco, D. Lemos, G. Tom, R. Gabrielli (coach), J. Consentino, R. Pataccia, J. Carmona, P. Fuda, C. Zamba, N. Codman, D. Villalba.



APIA's U15 captain, Aldo Radice, receives the Metropolitan Championship cup from Alan Vest after the final at St George Stadium.

APIA Junior Soccer Club was formed in 1957 with a record number of 35 teams.

From the very beginning the club has been represented from the Under 6 age-group right through to Under 16 Association teams. The club is also strongly involved in the NSW Youth League in Under 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The club is very proud of the fact that it played a leading hand in the inception of the Youth League competition.

"In the early days of the Youth League there was a tremendous amount of people who disagreed with the establishment of a competition that brought together the cream of junior State Soccer players into the one competition," APIA president Tony Raciti said.

"And would you believe the biggest knockers were mainly the people involved in the administering of a number of associations throughout the State.

"I won't be too popular for saying that, but it is the truth.

"After a few seasons most of the association administrators began to realise that the State's better youth players were only interested in playing in the Federation Youth League and not with the association representative teams.

"Today both the Federation and association teams play together in the Youth League competition — and that's the way it should be.

"Unfortunately there are still some association officials who feel that the Federation clubs should not be permitted to field teams in the Youth League.

"Officials who believe that should do the game a favour by getting out of it.

"In my opinion, the Youth League competition is undoubtedly the best thing to have ever been organised for junior players in this State."

Tony added that the advent of the Youth League has seen at least every major club in this State containing no less than six former Youth League players in their senior teams.

"Other outstanding players have come through our ranks, but they are all now retired," Tony said.

"We are also pleased that within three years our National League side will virtually contain solely players that played for our club in the Youth League."

"The days of our club buying expensive imports are now virtually over."

The club points out that since the inception of the Youth League competition, every season an APIA team has finished as either Metropolitan or State champions. This year the U15 side carried the flag by defeating friendly rivals Sydney Olympic by a record 5-0 in the Metropolitan Championship grand final at Barton Park.

Over the years APIA has undoubtedly been one of the strongest junior Soccer clubs in New South Wales.

Records show that APIA have dominated the junior scene within the Western Suburbs and Canterbury District Soccer Football Associations since the foundation of two of the oldest associations in the State.

The club has been the leading light in most NSW Champion of Champions and NSW Youth League competitions, and has also had one of the largest representations of players in association representative teams and NSW State squads.

Once again this season the club has strongly dominated the junior scene within its boundaries by winning the Under 9A, 10A, 12A and 18 Canterbury District Soccer Football Association championships in their respective divisions.

All four teams achieved this feat by going through undefeated.

Also once again all Youth League teams qualified for the finals.

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The U13 team, coached by Robert Gabrielli, achieved more than what was expected by finishing fourth in their division.

Their achievement has a lot of merit considering they won once and drew once with the eventual Metropolitan champions, St George.

The U14 team, coached by former NSW and APIA great, Graeme McKinnon, finished third in their age-group.



Man of the Match in the U15 Youth League final, goalkeeper Sean Lahiff, is congratulated by NSW State director of coaching, Alan Vest.

This team improved in leaps and bounds and possesses many quality players for the future.

The U16 side, coached by former Marconi star Frank La Machhia, to the amazement of club officials did not finish up as Metropolitan champions.

The team finished fourth in their division, but this was due to the fact that a number of their players were required for U19 duties.

According to most knowledgeable observers involved in the junior scene, the team no doubt should have finished as both Metropolitan and State champions.

After playing Sydney Olympic in the quarter-final, dominating the game from the first to the last minute of normal time, Olympic equalised through a penalty in injury-time.

APIA maintained their domination of the game in the extra-time period, but finally went down 5-6 on penalties.

The most pleasing factor about this team, according to officials, was the fact it did not matter whether it won the championship or not.

The club is happy that the U16 team is likely to produce five players for the 1985 U19 National League side.

"That really is the sole and only aim of our Youth League teams," Tony Raciti said.

But the club feels the achievement of the year obviously went to their U15 team, who have now won the Metropolitan Championship two years in succession.

The club wishes to thank its sponsors: Peerless Industries, and the assistance received by the head of that company, Ms Lila Nava.

The major financial sponsor is Gaspare Tiles of Sydney Street, Marrickville.

And the club acknowledges the contribution made by Purazzo Plastering, Villa Borghese, KW Video and Ramsey's Cafe.

The APIA Junior Soccer Club also would like to thank their major supporters — the licensed premises of the APIA Club Ltd.

This is where the junior club is based and it conducts all of its affairs from the plush surroundings of the club's social rooms.



Troy Neate, the U15s' hat-trick hero in the 5-0 final win over Sydney Olympic, at the presentation, with team captain Aldo Radice in the foreground.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	20	13	3	4	44	21	29
Newcastle	20	10	6	4	30	23	26
Melita Eagles	19	11	3	5	35	25	25
Leichhardt	20	10	4	6	34	25	24
St George	20	10	4	6	45	39	24
Canberra	21	11	2	8	41	35	24
Sydney City	20	8	2	10	45	32	18
Marconi	20	6	5	9	28	38	17
Blacktown	20	7	3	10	21	34	17
Olympic	20	7	2	11	42	45	16
Penrith	20	6	2	12	31	47	14
Wollongong	19	6	1	12	32	48	13
Croatia	21	5	3	13	24	40	13

WOLVES CLIMB OFF BOTTOM

By PETER RUSSELL

It was topsy turvy week again in the National Youth League with the top team losing and the current bottom-placed side Wollongong Wolves winning away from home.

The Australian Institute of Sport had their lead cut to three points at the head of the table when they were soundly beaten by the talented Sydney City side 3-0.

The Slickers' goals all came in the first half, from skipper Graeme PATTERSON in the 26th minute from the penalty spot and Graeme FLETCHER in the 40th and 41st minutes.

Newcastle moved into second spot after winning the top of the table clash with Leichhardt at Henson Park with a goal in the 80th minute by striker Billy TONKIN, leaving Leichhardt back in fourth spot.

Melita Eagles took over third spot with a fine 4-0 victory over the Penrith Panthers at Cook Park.

The Eagles led by two goals at the break through Craig WILLIAMS (fourth minute) and Peter DELANEY (31st).

They never allowed the Panthers to get a grip of the game at any stage and sealed it with a Ronald GENOVESE penalty in the 50th minute and another Peter DELANEY goal in the 81st.

With a couple of games in hand, they must be hopeful of climbing even further away from the "wooden-spooners" tag.

In a high-scoring game at Marconi Stadium, Olym-

pic ran out convincing winners 5-2 against the Marconi Leopards, with the return to the scoring list of Terry PATALIS with a hat-trick late in the second-half.

Alex KOUSSAS and Tom MASSETTA scored Olympics other goals, while striker Ian REID grabbed one in each half for Marconi.

The Saints were lucky to retain fifth spot on the table with a narrow 1-0 win over Croatia, whose form does not justify their bottom position on the table.

The Saints scored early in the first half through David BATTEN and managed to resist Croatia's efforts, mainly due to poor finishing by Croatia forwards.

Canberra had mixed fortunes at the weekend, beating Blacktown Demons 4-1 on Saturday with goals from Manis LAMOND (two) Lino FIORESE and Frank D'ADDARIO, whilst the Demos' only reply came from Mike McLAUGHLIN.

On Sunday the Arrows entertained the Wollongong Wolves, this time going down by 1-3 with Frank D'ADDARIO getting their only goal.

For the Wolves, goals from Darren NEES (two) and Nick GROZDANOV lifted them off the bottom rung of the ladder.

JOHNSTON WILL BE GUEST

CRAIG JOHNSTON will spend the first week of September in Canberra coaching at the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy Soccer camps and also the Australian Institute of Sport.

Johnston will also be a guest at the Canberra Arrows VIP Dinner on September 5 at the Downer Olympic club, where the special guest speaker will be the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation, John Brown.



CRAIG JOHNSTON (right) and team-mate Ian Rush celebrate Liverpool's European Cup victory. Johnston will be coaching youngsters in Canberra next week.

COACHING CLINICS

ARE A SUCCESS

EX-SOCCEROO Atti Abonyi ran the final coaching under the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup coaching scheme when he coached South Coast schoolteachers at Woonona recently.

Abonyi previously held a successful clinic at St George Stadium for Sydney-based teachers and further clinics under the scheme were staged at Newcastle and Griffith in the Riverina.

The aim of the scheme is to improve the knowledge of high school teachers in NSW and it is hoped the scheme will be expanded in 1985.

COLLINS SET FOR OVERSEAS

Canberra Arrows will send coach Doug Collins overseas immediately after the current NSL competition is completed to search for, and hopefully sign, two key players for the 1985 season.

Although Collins would prefer to buy on the local market, prices and availability of players are prohibitive, even though the club's major sponsor, Lotto Management Services, has guaranteed to buy two experienced players for Collins' young side for next season.

WEETANGARA TOO STRONG

WEETANGARA public school won the final of the James Hardie Industries Cup when they beat Mt Neighbour 3-2.

The match was played before the Arrows' game against Sydney City, and James Hardie's Ron Bolton presented the Cup to Weetangara's skipper Bruce Grassie.

Frank Farina presented the winning and runner-up medals.

On their way to the final, Mt Neighbour eliminated St Joseph's, Urambi, Chapman and Monash whilst Weetangara knocked out Fraser, Flynn, Latham and North Ainsley.

Weetangara's winning team was: Ben Rawson, Mark Corbo, Chris Welberry, Raymond King, Duncan Thomson, James Baird, Jason Wells, Bruce Grassie, Adam Carty, Sasha Bicup, Ivan Pirjac, Adam Hackett, Brett Swanson, Ben Champman. Coach of the team was John Whitely.

Mt Neighbour's runner-up team was: Kendall Richmond, Andrew Wallace, Philip Rice, Craig Russell, Mathew Carmichael, Brett Morschel, Justin Follett, Brenton Mikk, Louis Pratt, Lindon Costin, Brett Simpson, Ben Haynes, Reece Terry. They were coached by Harry Welze.

LEGAL BATTLE FOR BURKE

PETER BURKE, who was brought to Australia by Newcastle KB before they went to the wall, faces legality problems in the next few weeks.

Burke, who transferred to Canberra earlier this year, is the subject of a legal dispute with the Newcastle KB liquidators, who have placed a fee of \$15,000 on him.

Burke played only four games for the Arrows before breaking his leg in three places.



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

Burke's case in the NSW Supreme Court will be heard next week.



PETER BURKE

MEDAL WINNER

ALTHOUGH on the losing side, Henry Kendall's Alan Kent deservedly won the Man of the Match award after the recent Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup Final.

Three Soccer journalists, Craig Johnston and myself were the judges of the award.

Don't forget this was the first match seen by the judges and it was more a case of which player impressed the judges.

Kent narrowly beat Epping captain Darren Eagleson for the award and impressed the judges with his fine close skills and distribution in the midfield.



DARREN NEES: Wollongong's goalscorer

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ISN'T it strange how some people like to knock teams which do well?

For instance, with St George struggling desperately to avoid relegation to State League, coach Frank Arok commented: "Some clubs just can't wait to get rid of us!"

Maybe they're envious of all the success Saints have had over the years.

FORMER national coach Les Scheinflug was disappointed and sad when he read the names of Frank Arok's training squad for the world tour.

"Two of my Marconi players should have been in," said Scheinflug. "The unlucky rejects were David Lowe and Bruce James."

Les rates James just about the top goalkeeper in the NSL and is convinced Lowe is destined to be a real star.

"I could name several players in the national squad who could have been left out to make room for James and Lowe," he said.

Certainly Lowe's dumping is hard to work out.

The tour would have been invaluable for this young man who needs good international experience to go right to the top.

FORMER Young Soccerer Stephen Glockner will not play for at least another month after fracturing a cheekbone against Penrith recently.

Glockner needed surgery on the injury and has been told not to resume training for another three weeks.

By the time he gets back to fitness and forces his way back into the City team, the end of the season will be fast approaching.

But the skilful striker is hopeful City will make the final five, giving him extra matches in which to play.

BRISBANE CITY stopper Frank Liddell is undecided about his future but still could play in Australia next year.

Liddell, 31, has a visa extension until January, but is hopeful of obtaining sponsorship to bring him back to Australia for the season.

Liddell and his wife intend returning to Scotland at the end of this season, but he says: "This trip home basically is a holiday because it is almost three years since we've been there."

The big stopper is one of the most consistent players in Queensland and City would be delighted if they could have him back next season.

MANY people were surprised to see Graham Arnold's name included in the preliminary Australian squad to tour the world in November.

Arnold, who has scored 10 goals for Sydney Croatia this year, is highly regarded by ASF president Sir Arthur George.

In the pre-season Ampol Cup final played at St George Stadium, Sir Arthur was thoroughly impressed with Arnold's performance and regarded him as a player to watch out for in the future.

FORMER Canberra player Mike Milovanovic, now playing with great success in the Brisbane City side, had a harrowing experience prior to his team's clash with Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park.

Milovanovic's car broke down on the way to Brisbane Airport and the sweeper, now turned full-back, found himself stranded with no way of contacting team officials.

He managed to get to the airport but not in time for the team's flight, so he caught the next plane to Sydney.

A frantic taxi ride got Milovanovic to the ground 10 minutes after half-time.

City coach Joe Gilroy rewarded his player's efforts by putting him on the park immediately.

Unfortunately for Milovanovic and Brisbane City, Olympic were in their hottest form of the season and ran out 4-0 winners.

GOALKEEPER Yakka Banovic, back from Derby County in England, may have to make his Australian come back as a field player.

Peter Blasby is playing so well he looks like remaining first choice with Melbourne Croatia.

The suggestion that Banovic takes to the field is not made lightly. When he was with Croatia in Adelaide he was often switched to centre-forward if the game was level, or Croatia was down.

Banovic has a tremendous shot, and the skill to go with it.

HOW to "sucker" a goalkeeper was demonstrated by West Adelaide's Graham Honeyman against Melbourne Croatia.

With Peter Blasby preparing to clear the ball, Honeyman stayed just far enough away not to impede the keeper, but moved each time the keeper did and in the end Blasby took too many steps, and Honeyman was quick to point them out to referee Jim Rossis.

Unfortunately for Honeyman, he blasted the short free-kick by Steve Papadopoulos over the bar.

BRUCE JAMES took a high ball for Marconi. James has been overlooked for the Soccerroo touring squad — a decision that upset his club coach Les Scheinflug.



GRAHAM ARNOLD of Sydney Croatia is tackled by Adelaide City defender Neville Flounders.

LES SCHEINFLUG took a day away from Soccer last week to enjoy a round of golf, but he was not amused when we asked if he drew the match!

His Marconi team has had three draws in succession, squandering valuable points which could have made it a certainty for the top five.

THE ways of officialdom can be strange at times.

When the tribunal heard the case against Adelaide City, who allegedly fielded three visa players, the SA club was not asked to send a representative to the meeting in Melbourne.

The allegation was made by George Cross, who were represented.

City claimed it had fielded two visa players and a guest player against Cross, and had permission from the NSL and the players held players' tickets.

The tribunal decided it could not make a decision without City being present, so another meeting was called.

Why were City not invited in the first place?

THE goalkeepers at Parramatta Melita have conceded three unusual and embarrassing goals in the last month.

First, Chris Hummel spilled a Dave Ratcliffe free-kick into goal against St George after appearing to have the shot covered.

Then Hummel fell victim to a spectator's whistle against Marconi when he rolled the ball away thinking Melita had been awarded a free-kick. Rod Brown pounced on the ball to score.

Alec McPherson, reinstated against Wollongong, was the next victim when his goal-kick was intercepted by Alex Bundalo, who shot the ball high over the stranded McPherson to score.

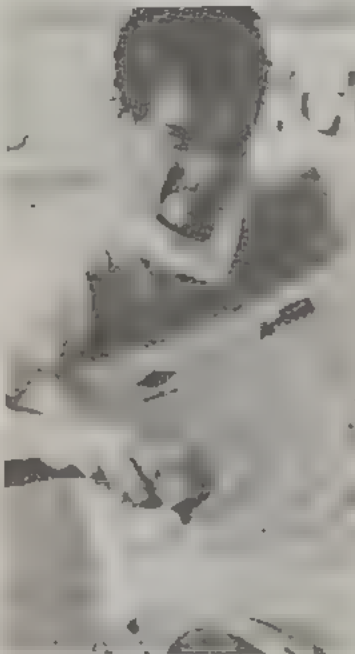
In a way, those three goals have cost Melita three points — as they drew 1-1 against St George and Marconi and were beaten 0-1 by Wollongong.

LEICHHARDT APIA'S brave challenge for the NSL leadership has surprised plenty of people and, as general-manager Frank Sblsa points out: "When you think about the players we have sold, it is even more remarkable."

"This season the departures included Walter Valeri, Bas Giampalo, Billy Willox, Greg Woodhouse, Rod Skellern, Jim Bottalico and Bernie Godzik."

Leichhardt are lucky they've dodged injuries to first grade men for most of the season.

They only have about 13 players of acceptable standard — so all the more credit to them for their very good results.



WALTER VALERI

SYDNEY CROATIA have performed well under coach Harry Noon, with one defeat in the new coach's first seven games.

Now Noon is anxious to know how he stands for the 1985 season.

Croatia president Tony Topic does not fully commit himself when he says: "If the team is going well, you don't need to change your coach."

Coach Noon will want something more definite than that.

"I've been promised a decision a month before the end of the season," he told ASW.

After this year's hassles, the last thing Sydney Croatia needs is another coaching switch.

MO award-winning comedian Brian Doyle was MC at the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation's State teams presentation night at the St George Soccer Club ... and made some cutting remarks.

The main target was St George and national coach Frank Arok, who was a special guest of the NSWASF.

"Frank's had a successful season ... as national coach," Irishman Doyle said.

"The way St George play, if they had a bye they'd lose two points!"

However, Doyle couldn't see the NSL champs being relegated.

"They only need six wins from their next three games," he said.

WEST ADELAIDE has lost its nine goal striker George Konstantopoulos.

He will be out for the rest of the season following an operation on cruciate ligaments.

His left ankle is in plaster and he will be laid up for six weeks before he can even think of resuming training.

The 19-year-old front-runner has his sights set on taking the field again for the summer Ammol Cup.

SCHOOL TEACHER John Frew has had a tough initiation as coach of the Wollongong City youth team this season, but recent wins have made it all worthwhile.

The young side is still on the bottom of the league but picked up some good recent wins, including a 3-1 success away to Melita.

After the game, Frew was caught up in the excitement and asked his players to give him a Wolf-cry — "give me a W, give me an O," etc.

Someone suggested he might not find the spelling so easy if he ever goes to Scotland and becomes manager of Hamilton Academicals.

Frew and hard-working manager Nev Arrowsmith say their team is poised to make a big impact on the league next season as some of the boys are as young as 16.

SOMEONE should tell Melita supporters about the NSL rule regarding one match ball being used.

When they played Wollongong recently there was almost a riot because fans were trying to get the spare ball from the Wollongong bench.

Punches were thrown and only prompt action by officials of both clubs prevented big trouble.

Ironically, the linesman had asked the Wollongong strapper to look after the ball because Melita fans kept throwing it on to the field whenever the match ball went out of play.

HOT rumour going around Sydney is that Vedran Rozic, former Hajduk Split captain, was not granted a clearance before he started playing for Sydney Croatia.

We checked with the National League and were assured there is no truth in that particular story.

Just as well. Had it been accurate, the team could have forfeited all the points it has picked up since Rozic arrived.

IF the National League in 1986 becomes truly national again, as some people suggest, and it involves 12 teams from various States, the air fares problem will again be inflicted on the clubs.

One man who insists this is not important is Tony Labbozzetta, the vice-chairman of the NSL.

"Air fares are certainly not one of our major problems," said Labbozzetta.

"Each club would be up for \$20,000. Many of them now spend \$200,000, or more, each year so it's obvious travel costs represent only a very small percentage of their outgoings."

Fair comment, Tony. But with so many clubs almost on the bread line, surely a saving of \$20,000 would be a step in the right direction.

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LIVERPOOL	FEB 9	MAY 11	MAY 4	DEC 8	OCT 20	NOV 24	DEC 26		DEC 29	MAR 31	APR 20	JAN 19	MAR 2	SEP 1	SEP 29	NOV 10	FEB 23	SEP 15	MAR 16	APR 13	OCT 6	AUG 27
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MAN. UTD.	NOV 2	MAR 23	SEP 5	JAN 12	MAR 2	DEC 22	FEB 16	SEP 22	NOV 17		SEP 8	DEC 1	MAY 6	DEC 15	JAN 1	APR 13	APR 6	APR 27	OCT 20	AUG 25	FEB 2	DEC 13
NEWCASTLE	DEC 29	SEP 1	NOV 10	MAR 16	SEP 15	OCT 6	JAN 19	NOV 18	FEB 23	FEB 9		DEC 15	OCT 20	APR 13	AUG 27	APR 27	DEC 1	JAN 1	MAY 6	MAR 2	APR 13	SEP 29
NORWICH	DEC 26	MAR 9	OCT 6	MAR 30	NOV 24	APR 8	APR 20	AUG 25	NOV 10	MAY 4	MAY 11		FEB 2	OCT 27	FEB 23	JAN 12	SEP 8	MAR 16	OCT 22	SEP 22	SEP 5	DEC 8
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WBA	MAY 11	APR 8	APR 20	NOV 24	AUG 27	MAR 9	MAR 30	MAR 23	SEP 1	SEP 29	DEC 26	DEC 29	OCT 13	JAN 19	SEP 15	OCT 27	NOV 10	FEB 9	FEB 23	DEC 8		MAY 4
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VICTORY ROCK

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Rock music sounds of Sydney band Rose Tattoo helped inspire Brisbane Premier League club North Star to their first-ever Ampol Cup Final win over Lions at Perry Park last week.

The band's song "We can't be beaten" was used by coach Iain Fagan to psych his team before the final.

Stars went into the match rank outsiders after the Lions' Intermediate League team had rolled fancied opposition, including Cup holders Ipswich United, in their run to the final.

Lions reach the final without conceding a goal while North Star twice scrambled through

on penalties in the qualifying rounds.

boasting a team that was a mix of youth and the experience of former National League players Jim Hermiston and George Potter, North Star survived a storming comeback from Lions to score an extra-time win.

Both Stars goals came from Lions mistakes.

The first came midway

through the first half when David Cork, playing only his second game back from injury, played a poor back-pass to keeper Wayne Evans that went right into the path of Stars striker Lindsay Dines, who had no trouble slotting his shot into the net.

Although Lions snatched an equaliser through a Mick Mulvey header 86 seconds into injury time at the end of the

match, Stars weathered an early extra-time onslaught to net their winner 12 minutes in the second half of the time-on period.

And it was 19-year-old former Lions player - David Currie - who had come on as a substitute only four minutes earlier who was the hero of the day.

Currie met a Jim Hermiston corner at the near post and crisply headed goalwards. Rather than turning the attempt around the upright, Evans tried to hold the ball but fumbled and watched in dismay as it carried on into the net.

The win was the greatest victory in the history of North Star, who only a few years ago were playing in the lower divisions.

The win also continued the amazing success story for Iain Fagan, who up until the final had not lost a game since taking over the coaching reins from Jerzy Stecki six weeks earlier.

Fagan, a former Lions NSL player and a long-time Grange Thistle full-back, heralded the win as the first step in a four-year plan to make North Star one of the most powerful clubs in Queensland.

"With the staff we have on and off the field we are now geared for the next four years", Fagan said.

"We have five youngsters in the State Under 16's and irreplaceable experienced players like Jim Hermiston and George Potter at the club. We have everything going for us."

BIG YEAR FOR WALKER

BY PHIL MURPHY

FERNHILL coach Gerry Walker has come up with a winning formula in his first season of coaching and the club has won its first premiership in 17 years.

Walker took over Fernhill this year after he ended his playing career because of achilles trouble.

He has tasted early success but it hasn't been all plain sailing at Towradg Park.

After a great start in which Fernhill went the first seven games without conceding a goal they had to battle through a lean spell and at one stage lost three times in four outings.

Walker told ASW he had faith in his players and knew they had the ability to find their early season form again.

At one stage, Walker was planning to make a comeback in midfield but it never eventuated because the side started to fire again.

Fernhill take \$1,500 in prizemoney for being "first past the post", and they have taken money in three other knockouts this year.

A purely amateur club, Fernhill have enough in the bank to provide players with an end-of-season gift.

"DIABOLICAL" was the word used by coach Mike Johnson to describe Fairy Meadow's recent 1-2 loss to lowly Artamon.

Fairy Meadow went into the game as competition leaders and Artamon used their fourth-choice goalkeeper in first grade.

"We haven't the commitment it takes to win the league if that is an indication of how much they want to make State League," Johnson said.

The usually reserved

Johnson said he had been making allowance for the one or two players not showing enough application to the game but it was more widespread against Artamon.

Johnson made his feelings known to the players after the game and again at training the following Tuesday night.

NO wonder Soccer coaches have sleepless nights

With Bulli locked in a desperate battle to make the Premier League semi-finals, coach Norm Flanagan certainly had his problems.

In the third last game against Corrimal, both his goalkeepers - Kevin Knutler and Garry Cajar - were in doubt until the last minute and full-back Steve Hammersley missed the game because he was on holidays.

The following week, key defender John van Ede couldn't make the decider against West-Figtree because he had to be best man at a wedding.

You can always take up bowls, Norm.

BELLAMBI's Robert Banks has finally called it a day.

Without doubt the club's most loyal player over more than two decades, he retired after Saturday's reserve grade game.

Banks has indicated retirement previously but kept coming back.

Bellambi officials feel he won't change his mind

this time and former Bellambi coach John Frow said he never ceased to be amazed by Banks' club spirit.

"Just recently he kept playing with a broken bone in a foot but when he finally went to get treatment, the doctor told him it was broken in an injury 12 years ago and never healed properly," Frow said.

Current coach Tony Gill said Banks has been a great help to the younger players in the side this season.

"He played a few first grade games when we needed him and grabbed a hat-trick one day against Cringila," Gill said.

FERNHILL are the "pea" to collect the \$300 good behaviour prize in Illawarra Soccer this season.

The ISA has been put up by the money for the club with least send-offs and yellow cards and the Hill were leading at the last count.

The judiciary committee have again had a busy year and three weeks ago there were 13 players sent off in just one weekend.

One club with an improved record this year is Ewingsdale.

They are fourth best and club president Bob Newman says coach Wally Miller has been largely responsible.

"Everyone has enjoyed Soccer a lot more this year because of it," Newman said.

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NSW STATE LEAGUE

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION		
Warringah N'been v Avala	3-2 0-2 2-2	
Polonia v Auburn	0-1 1-2 2-2	
SSC Yugal v Manly Warringah	0-0 0-7 1-4	
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland Shire	1-0 0-3	
B'town National v Rockdale Ilinden	1-2 1-3	
2nd DIVISION		
North Bankstown v Fairy Meadow	1-1 0-2 1-0	
Glville Hornsby v Revesby Workers	1-0 3-0 0-0	
Belmore v Blacktown United	1-0 1-4 2-0	
Dee Why Swans v W'gong Mace	0-2 1-2 3-1	
Penrith United v Parramatta City	3-2 0-0 0-1	
W'gong Mace v Uni of NSW	3-0 2-1 0-8	
Artarmon v Dee Why Swans	0-2 3-0 0-0	
3rd DIVISION		
King Tomislav v C'town City	1-0 0-1 0-4	
CSI-Schofields v Kingsford	2-2 1-3 1-1	
Port Hacking v Mt Druitt Town	1-1 1-2	
M'bank L'pool v Baulkham Hills	2-1 1-1 0-5	
Lane Cove United v Nth Ryde Amateur	1-4 1-6	
INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION		
Wentley Waratahs v Padstow Park	1-1 1-0	
C'town Gunners v Eastwood S/A	1-1 0-3	
Wetherill Park v Maroubra Utd	2-0 2-1	
Rooty Hill v Spanish Club	4-1 5-0	
Fairfield Kiev v H'ville-Zagreb	4-3 0-2	
Sydney Uni v Nenevch Eagles	4-4 0-0	
H'ville-Zagreb v Spanish Club	1-2 1-1	
Wetherill Park v Wentley Waratahs	2-2 0-2	
Rooty Hill v C'town Gunners	1-0 4-1	
2nd DIVISION		
Pagewood v West United	4-0 2-1	
Sydney Maccabi v Tras Sports	1-3 2-2	
Green Valley Utd v Macarthur Utd	0-3 1-2	
Macquarie Uni v West St George	0-1 1-2	
Concordia v Chile Sports	2-0 2-3	
Chelsea v H'bury District	0-0 3-2	
Sydney Maccabi v Macarthur United	2-2 1-1	
3rd DIVISION		
Chullora v Haberfield B/D's	1-2 4-2	
M F Rangers v Robins	2-3 0-0	
B'town Wanderers v S'field Hotspurs	1-1 1-0	
L'pool City v Rosebery	3-2 1-0	
Nepean Rovers v Rangers Hajduk	3-5 0-0	
B'town Wanderers v Chullora	3-2 4-3	
4th DIVISION		
Jedinstvo Utd v Argent Lid/Utd	0-2 3-4	
Castle Hill v B'town Wks	4-0 6-0	
Lansvale United v Hellas Poseidon	5-0 0-0	
Welcome Sports v L'gow Workmens	2-0 4-0	
Concord Juniors v Colo Colo	3-1 3-0	
Welcome Sports v Argent Lid/Utd	2-0 3-1	
Lansvale United v Castle Hill	1-2 1-3	
5th DIVISION		
Greenisland v P'shrm Lus	2-1 3-1	
S'ago Wanderers v F'field Athletic	2-3 0-2	
Calabna v L'ham Croatia	1-2 3-0	
Abuzzi v Sans Souci	7-0 4-1	
Crescent Star v St Mary's RSL	7-1 3-2	
Abuzzi v P'shrm Lusitanos	3-1 2-0	
Calabna v Greenisland	0-3 1-1	
Sans Souci v F'field Athletic	0-3 2-2	

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

Monaro	21	14	5	3	58	24	31
Manly	20	11	7	2	41	14	29
Rockdale	21	13	4	4	42	21	30
S'land	21	11	5	5	34	19	27
Auburn	21	8	8	5	17	15	24
K'gal	21	6	7	8	25	32	19
Polonia	21	6	5	10	21	31	17
Avala	21	5	6	10	30	43	16
W'gah	21	5	4	11	24	40	16
C-M'vie	21	5	6	10	18	40	16
Yugal	21	3	7	11	24	29	13
B'town	21	4	5	12	22	48	13

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'gal	21	16	3	2	49	11	35
Manly	21	15	3	3	61	18	33
S'land	21	13	3	5	59	22	29
C-M'vie	21	13	3	5	40	24	29
Auburn	21	10	5	8	37	29	25
Rockdale	21	10	3	8	45	40	23
B'k'town	21	8	2	11	30	33	18
W'gah	21	8	4	11	22	42	16
Monaro	21	6	2	13	22	46	14
Avala	21	4	5	12	20	41	13
Yugal	21	3	3	15	14	62	9
Polonia	21	2	4	15	20	51	8

DIV 1 - GDE 3

S'land	19	14	3	2	50	19	31
Manly	19	14	1	4	45	18	29
C-M'vie	19	13	2	4	42	19	28
Polonia	18	12	1	5	43	19	25
Auburn	19	11	2	6	46	27	24
B'k'town	19	7	2	10	26	28	16
Rockdale	19	7	0	12	22	43	14
Avala	20	5	2	13	32	46	12
Yugal	18	5	0	13	17	47	10
K'gal	19	5	0	14	14	46	10
W'gah	19	3	3	13	23	48	8

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	21	16	2	3	47	18	34
W'gong M	21	14	6	1	41	12	34
Dee Why	21	12	5	4	53	21	29
Bathurst	20	11	7	2	37	16	29
Norths	21	9	6	6	38	24	24
Glades-Hby	20	10	3	7	34	24	23
Rev Wks	21	8	6	7	30	23	22
B'k'town U	20	8	5	7	39	23	21
Belmore	20	3	6	11	17	40	12
Pen Utd	19	4	3	12	25	49	11
Artarmon	21	4	3	14	29	60	11
Parramatta	21	3	2	16	35	55	8
NSW Uni	20	3	2	15	15	61	8

DIV 2 - GDE 2

B'k'town U	20	16	3	1	67	12	35
Rev Wks	21	10	7	4	42	23	27
Norths	21	10	7	4	38	26	27
Dee Why	21	11	4	6	43	22	26
Glades	20	11	4	5	39	22	26
Fairy M	21	11	3	7	38	24	25
W'gong M	21	9	4	8	40	39	22
Artarmon	21	10	2	9	46	51	22
Pen Utd	19	6	3	10	29	47	15
Bathurst	20	5	3	12	14	42	13
Belmore	20	4	2	14	25	51	10
Parramatta	21	2	5	14	25	49	9
NSW Uni	20	4	1	15	10	48	9

DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	20	16	2	2	73	10	34
B'k'town U	20	12	6	2	49	13	30
Pen Utd	19	12	3	4	49	25	27
Norths	21	11	4	6	46	25	26
Bathurst	20	12	1	7	41	24	25
Glades	20	8	8	4	38	15	24
Dee Why	21	8	6	7	29	42	22
Artarmon	21	8	5	8	46	42	21
NSW Uni	20	8	4	8	39	25	20
Parramatta	21	7	3	11	26	36	17
Fairy M	21	7	1	13	17	40	9
Rev Wks	21	3	3	15	13	68	9
W'gong M	21	1	0	20	13	114	2

DIV 3 - GDE 1

C City	21	15	2	4	43	13	32
Q Park	21	12	4	5	46	22	28
Bondi	21	11	5	5	38	25	27
King Tom	21	9	6	6	42	29	24
Mc'bank	21	9	5	7	36	28	23
Pl'hack	21	8	7	6	35	34	23
B'kham H	21	8	4	9	27	36	20
Nth Ryde	21	8	3	10	29	25	19
K'ford	21	7	5	9	30	33	19
Mt Druitt	21	7	3	11	27	40	17
CSI	21	4	7	10	30	54	15
Lane C	21	2	1	18	19	63	5

DIV 3 - GDE 2

Bondi	21	14	4	3	53	16	32
C'town City	21	14	4	3	60	25	32
K'ford	21	14	3	4	50	28	31
Q Park	21	11	3	7	45	27	25
Nth Ryde	21	10	5	6	40	26	25
CSI	21	11	3	7	41	37	25
M'bank	21	8	4	9	35	28	20
Pl'hack	21	8	3	10	42	40	19
B Hills	21	7	2	12	36	38	16
King Tom	21	7	2	12	37	48	16
Mt Druitt	21	3	3	15	34	55	9
Lane C	21	0	2	19	14	128	2

DIV 3 - GDE 3

B Hills	21	16	5	0	82	11	37
Bondi	21	15	4	2	52	22	34
C'town City	21	14	5	2	70	18	33
Mt Druitt	21	14	1	6	50	23	29
Pl'hack	21	11	5	5	39	27	27
Q Park	21	7	6	8	33	34	20
M'bank	21	8	4	9	26	46	20
K'ford	21	8	3	10	28	37	19
King Tom	21	7	4	10	24	47	18
Nth Ryde	21	6	0	16	20	74	12
CSI	21	2	1	18	11	94	5
Lane Cove	22	0	0	22	0	0	0

INTER 1 - GRADE 1

R'ty Hill	22	17	3	2	40	10	37
C'town G	22	13	5	1	52	20	31
Weth Pk	22	13	4	5	44	30	30
Padstow P22	11	7	4	4	41	26	29
E'wood SA	22	10	5	7	45	35	25
Fair Klev	22	7	6	9	50	56	20
Syd Uni	22	6	7	9	34	45	19
Spanish	22	7	4	11	36	41	18
N Eagles	22	7	4	11	29	50	18
Hurst Zag	22	8	1	13	45	48	17
M'bra Utd	22	4	4	14	26	54	12
Wentley W	22	1	6	15	19	46	8

INTER 1 - GRADE 2

Rooty H	22	16	4	2	72	16	38
E'wood SA	22	17	2	3	70	22	36
Weth Pk	22	14	4	4	50	28	32
Wentley W	22	11	4	7	30	29	26
Syd Uni	22	9	5	8	40	27	23
Padstow	22	9	3	10	37	33	21
Spanish	21	7	4	10	29	39	18
M'bra Utd	22	6	6	10	32	48	18
Hurst Z	22	6	5	11	24	38	17
C'town G	22	6	4	12	26	40	16
N Eagles	22	5	8	11	32	49	16
Fair Klev	22	1	2	19	22	95	4

INTER 2 - GRADE 1

West St G	22	12	6	4	48	30	30
Mac Utd	22	13	3	6	49	28	29
Chelsea	22	8	8	6	47	41	245
Hawks	22	9	4	9	26	26	22
Pagewood	22	10	4	8	29	29	24
Tras Spts	22	8	7	7	38	31	23
Macq Uni	22	9	4	9	26	26	22
C'dia	22	10	2	10	31	35	22
Chile Spts	22	6	7	9	25	26	19
Green V	22	6	5	11	24	41	17
West Utd	22	4	8	10	28	45	16
Syd Mac	22	4	6	12	38	54	14

INTER 2 - GRADE 2

West St G	22	13	6	3	47	28	32
Chelsea	22	14	3	5	48	24	3

WALLSEND PLAN TACTICS —

THE first five minutes of the Bill Turner Cup final between Patrician Brothers College Fairfield and Wallsend High was fast and uncompromising football.

Having studied the style used by Patrician Brothers against Corrimal, coach Ian Stone and manager Dennis Wright had a game plan for the Wallsend side to follow. And follow it they did.

Finding energy that amazed even their own fiercely loyal supporters, the Wallsend team attacked at every opportunity. In defence they contested every ball.

This close attention certainly put the Fairfield lads off the free-flowing style we had seen the night before.

In the sixth minute, the grandstand erupted when diminutive midfielder Craig Dunning latched on to a loose ball, sending a piledriver goalward. Defender Mark Butler tried valiantly to stop the shot but he was only able to ricochet it even harder into the net.

Twelve minutes later, Dunning was on hand to score from a screamer that gave goalkeeper Mitchell

Van Reyk no chance.

The start of the second half saw Patrician Brothers make a determined effort to lift their game, but Wallsend stayed with them.

More sensation followed in the ninth minute when Scott Gresham took a headed pass from Colin Hicks to head in Wallsend's third goal.

With 10 minutes to go, Wallsend began to tire.

David Busetto hit the Wallsend crossbar and then Kevin Nells looked set to score but the ball bounced awkwardly and goalkeeper David McKenna pounced on it. Tony Krslovic miskicked with only McKenna to beat.

Reward and consolation came near full-time when Busetto moved through to take a loose ball and put his name on the scoresheet.

Wallsend were great in victory. They went in as underdogs but followed a

game plan thoroughly and are worthy cup holders.

Patrician Brothers can certainly hold their heads high. They are a top side and a credit to their school.

WALLSEND 3 (Mark Butler og, Craig Dunning, Scott Gresham) d **PATRICIAN BROTHERS FAIRFIELD 1** (David Busetto).

PATRICIAN BROS. FAIRFIELD: Mitchell Van Reyk, Robbie Orellana, Leslie Zbrog, Barry Olie, Mark Butler, Neil Esho (C), Klaus Okon, Laurent Le Feuvre, Kevin Vella, Tony Krslovic, David Busetto, Eric Scicluna, Martin Brala, Dominic Gili, Mario Vila, Zoran Mustapic.

WALLSEND: David McKenna, Michael Young, Craig Dunning, Graham Smith, Colin Hicks, Scott Gresham, John Govan, Michael Graham, Michael Bradley, Paul Newbold, Tony Davics, Bobby Kotevski, Neil Karmaniolos, Peter Bell, Scott Emanuel.

AND CUP VICTORY



PENALTY DECIDER IN SEMI-FINAL

BY contrast the Booragul-Wallsend clash was drama from start to finish, with penalty kicks deciding the issue.

It was noticeable particularly during the second half, that many Soccer skills were missing from both sides as they took part in a typical Booragul-Wallsend encounter.

Midway through the first half Booragul shot to the lead with a brilliant goal from the head of Darren McBeth.

Booragul appeared to be slightly the better side until eight minutes into the second half when Wallsend's Michael Young and Gavin Parry of Booragul accidentally collided in mid-air while attempting a header.

Both lads fell to the ground with blood streaming from Parry's head.

He was taken by ambulance to hospital where seven stitches were inserted into the gaping wound.

Parry, who has played for Australia at junior level, was sorely missed. Wallsend now gradually got on top.

From a free-kick outside the penalty area, Wallsend's Michael Graham was quick to sum up the fact that the Booragul defenders were unusually slow in organising themselves and slipped a pedestrian but quick pass to Scott Gresham, who drove home the equaliser. Some defenders were still moving into position as the ball hit the net.

The second half ended at 1-1, and an extra 10 minutes each way was ordered.

Both teams were showing signs of exhaustion and a few were troubled with cramps, but they found energy from unknown sources to battle out to the end of extra-time still locked together.

The penalty kick shoot-out saw the Wallsend five much cooler under this pressure than the Booragul lads and they ran out winners four penalties to three.

The question most asked after the game was obvious: "Where will these two battle-weary sides find the energy to play in the final and third-place decider on the Wednesday night?"

NATIONAL U13 TITLES

IN MELBOURNE: Day 1: NSW 7, Queensland 0; Western Australia 2, Northern NSW 0; South Australia 2, Northern Territory 1; Victoria bye.

Scorers for NSW: Paul Rago 3, David Roberts 2, Michael Tsingolis, Stephan Jee

NO SPARKLE IN PLAYOFF

AS was expected, the play off for third place lacked the sparkle of the other fixtures.

Corrimal were recovering from a heavy defeat while Booragul without Gavin Parry seemed flat.

It was noticeable, however, that both sides lifted their games as the crowd numbers increased.

Both defences were able to easily mop up any possible attacks. The no-score result was a fair indication of play.

BOORAGUL: Chris McIlmeth, Mark Rothery, Jason Holt, Geoff Blomfield, Anthony Richards, Michael Wilkes, Gavin Parry, Bruce

Pemberton, Grant Goldsmith, Darren Macbeth, John O'Neill, Peter Daly, Craig McGregor, Arkus Marrosszsky, John Martin.

CORRIMAL: David Clague, Warren Brown, Johan Thomsen, Scott Nicholls, Tony Ohrdorf, Chris Van Opstal, Kevin Cassenago, Warren Lynch, Gino de Frenza, Vasco Bosevski, Burchin Tekkol, Phillip Walker, Brad McKeown, Paul Rzeminski, Colin Betz, Jason Ireland, Craig Harris.

PATS WERE TOO GOOD

A SNAP goal within a few seconds of the kick off by Kevin Vella paved the way for a clear-cut win by Patrician Brothers Fairfield in their Bill Turner Cup semi-final against Corrimal.

Right from the start Patrician Brothers dominated the game. They were bigger and stronger than the South Coast lads and revealed skill and discipline.

The evidence of some excellent coaching by Greg McGriskin could be seen in a number of phases of their play. It is no wonder that they have not tasted defeat this year.

They scored again before half time and twice in the second half and

seemed to have plenty in reserve at full-time. A wise move indeed with the final to be played the next evening.

While lauding praises on the winners, it must be said that the Corrimal side was gallant in defeat. Never for a moment did they stop trying, and their supporters, who had travelled up to Macquarie Field, Speers Point, for the game must have been very proud of them.

'SLOPES' WINNERS

YOUNG will represent South West Slopes in the first round of the NSW Champion of Champions series at Harden on September 16.

The Young teams won their places by winning the U11 and U13 grand Finals at Tumut.

The U11 grand final was an all-Young affair, with the Golds defeating the Greens 4-0.

Cootamundra turned out to be tough opponents in U11 but they were denied two goals by Young goalkeeper Andy Connolly.

Then David Martin scored for Young and Michael Martin collected another towards the end.

At Orange, Bloomfield West Tigers had a real battle on their hands before they won the U13 grand final 4-3 from Cudal.

Bloomfield West were coached by Bronco Kositch, and Trevor Archer handled the Cudal boys.

The U10 final went to St Joseph's Sheehan with a 1-0 win over Bloomfield.

St Joseph's came through the season without loss and in fact won the U8 and U9 competitions in the two previous years.

Their squad was: Rodney Carman, Michael Skally, Glenn McDonnell, Michael Fabar, Michael Kellenberger, Adrian Bascha, Simon Helay, Stephen Murphy, Matthew Kennedy, Damien Tancred, Chris Lantz and William Simmonds.

KU-RING-GAI'S GALA DAY

GALA DAY has long been a highlight of the Soccer season in the Ku-ring-gal district.

This year's big event was held at the St Ives Showground and here are the winners:

Under 10 div 1: St Ives and Lindfield (joint winners). **Div 2:** Greenwich and Rangers (joint winners). **Div 3:** Hornsby Heights. **Div 4:** Hornsby Heights C. **Div 5:** Mt Colah B. **Div 6:** Homenetmen and Berowra (joint winners). **Div 7:** Lindfield D. **Div 8:** Berowra D.

Under 11 Div 1: Lindfield A. **Div 2:** Lindfield and Berowra (joint winners). **Div 3:** Mt Colah. **Div 4:** St Michaels. **Div 5:** Brooklyn.

Under 12 Div 1: Hornsby Heights. **Div 2:** St Leos. **Div 3:** Greenwich. **Div 4:** North Sydney. **Div 5:** Hornsby RSL.

Under 13 Div 1: St Ives and Hornsby RSL (joint winners). **Div 2:** Northbridge. **Div 3:** Greenwich.

Under 14 Div 1: Hornsby Heights. **Div 2:** St Ives and Rangers (joint winners). **Div 3:** West Pymble.

Gala day pennant winners: under 10: Lindfield; under 11: Lindfield; under 12: Hornsby Heights; under 13: St Ives; under 14: Hornsby Heights.



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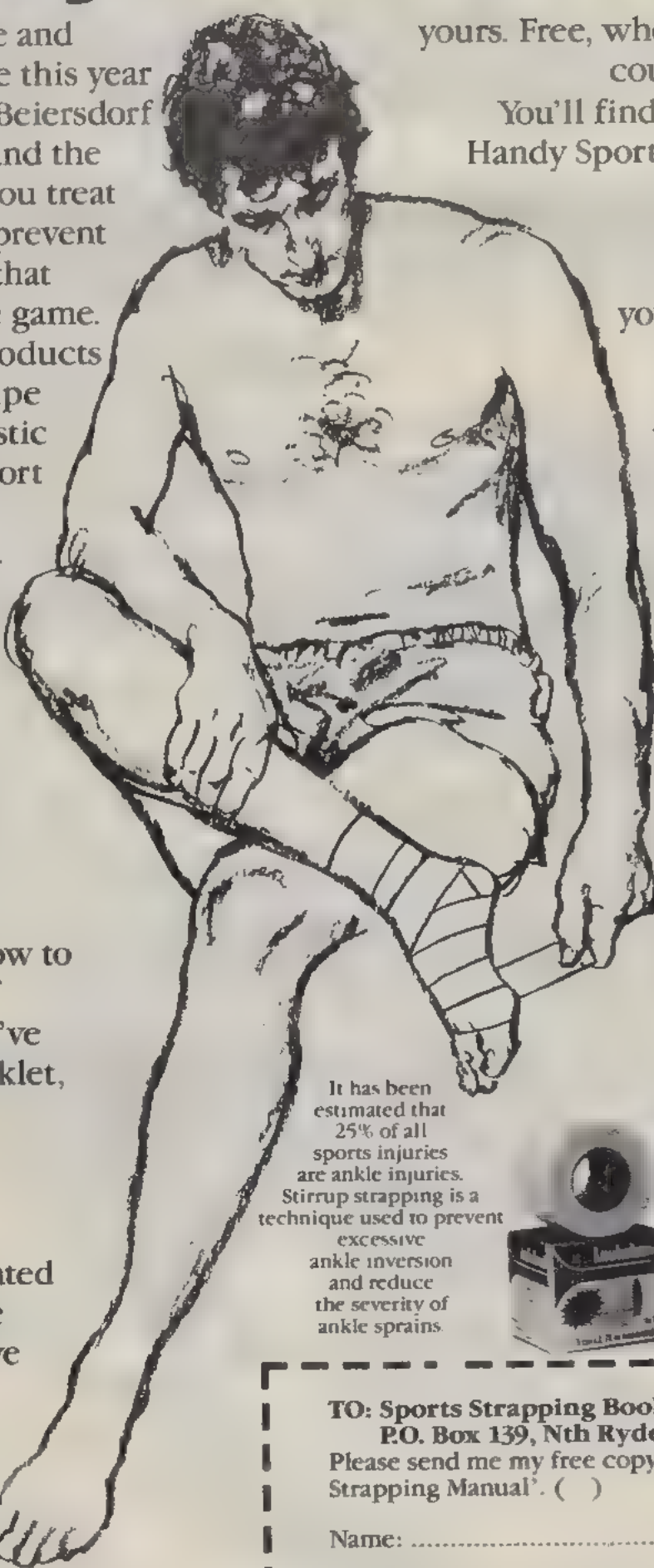
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THE NSW STATE UNDER 16 TEAM

BACK ROW: coach Ron Corry (Marconi), Jason Van Blerk (Leichhardt), Paul Edmunds (Auburn), Antoine Avellino (Ku-ring-gai), Ron Genovese (Melita), Keith Warren (St George), Paul Quarmby (captain, Blacktown City), Peter Brown (Blacktown City), manager Jim Giffin (Bankstown-National).
MIDDLE ROW: Anthony Parison (Leichhardt), Scott Ollerenshaw (St George), Steve Chilas (Sydney Olympic), Nick Genaris (Sydney Olympic), Rafael Mravunac (Marconi).
FRONT ROW: Anthony Clark, Nick Oustambasidis (Sydney Olympic), Anthony George (St George), Wayne Levi (Marconi).



THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE UNDER 16 TEAM

BACK ROW: Mike Wells (coach), Damien Harley, David Hackston, Graham Latham, Ian Dawson, Kurt Leitner, Stuart Douglas, Paul Sanderson, Peter Tanjic, Nick Joy (trainer), Nick Bojanic (asst coach).
FRONT ROW: Scott Baird, Tony Gasparetto, Mark Abraham, Jimmy Tsialafos, Kon Pazios, Sean Murphy, Con Lipapis.
ABSENT: Steve Niscioli.

AUSTRALIAN U16 CHAMPIONSHIP

MON AUG 27:

Group A
 Queensland v South Australia 0-0
 Western Australia v Northern NSW 0-1

Group B

Victoria v NSW 1-3 (NSW scorers: S.Chilas 2, ACT v Tasmania 1-2 M.Gale)

TUES AUG 28:

Group A — Sydney Athletic Field
 Queensland v Western Australia 2.30pm
 South Australia v Northern NSW 10am

Group B — St George Stadium

Victoria v ACT 2.30pm
 NSW v Tasmania 10am

WED AUG 29:

Group A — St George
 South Australia v Western Australia 10am
 Queensland v Northern NSW 2.30pm

Group B — Athletic Field

NSW v ACT 10am
 Victoria v Tasmania 2.30pm

THURS AUG 30:

Semi-finals — one at each ground at 2.30pm

FRIDAY AUG 31:

FINAL — Sydney Athletic Field 1.30pm

QUEENSLAND U16 SQUAD

DESPITE an extensive talent search throughout the State by coach Bruce Stowell, only two members of the Queensland U16 squad are from country areas.

And that has also gone against recent trends which have seen country boys dominate State Youth teams.

"I guess the pendulum has swung the other way, but the pleasing thing is that every boy playing Soccer in Queensland now realises he has the chance to be selected in the State team and possibly go on to international honours," Stowell said.

Jarrold Austin, Lindsay

Dines, Craig McColl, James Hermiston, Cameron Pearce (North Star), Alf Catalano (Brisbane City), Jason Polak, John Koch (Pine Rivers Utd.), Dominic Tonel (Mount Gravatt), Nigel Mathers (Coalstars), Richard Van Win (Brisbane Lions), Greg Darrington (Taringa Rovers), Aston Bell (Grange Thistle), Tony Bellino (Valley Trident), Peter Chapman (Bundaberg), Dale Dawes (Townsville).

VEST SETTLES IN

NSW director of coaching Alan Vest will handle a special coaching session at Lower Eastwood Oval on Friday night.

Regional director John McDonald and the Gladesville — Hornsby Coaches' Federation have arranged for Vest to conduct a demonstration entitled "Attack in the front third" from 7.30 to 9pm.

The players involved are from the local U11 representative squad and all comers are welcome for a practical and worthwhile session under floodlights.

MITRE SHIELD TO WIDEMERE

WIDEMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL won the coveted NSW PSSA Mitre Shield with a 3-0 win over Valley View in this year's final at Adamstown.

Matraville (Sydney) and Fennell Bay (Newcastle) played a 1-1 draw and so tied for third place. And at national level, NSW triumphed in the Australian Primary Schools Carnival, also held at Adamstown. The final point score was NSW 16, Queensland 13, South Australia 11 and ACT 8.

CENTRAL COAST EXODUS

THERE is a movement of good youth players out of the Gosford district.

It is only temporary however — eight Central Coast players won selection in this year's national titles for Northern NSW.

The lads who go the

furthest are John Harris and Paul Winspear, who visit Perth with the U15 team.

Derek Caisley (U16), Brent Caisley, Timothy Kelaher and Blair Spinks (U14) won't be so widely travelled.

The U16s play in Sydney

and the U14s in Newcastle.

Derek Caisley was one of the best players for Henry Kendall when they narrowly lost the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup final.

Darren Fogwell and Mark Winspear (U13) will visit Melbourne.

NSW CHS ON SONG IN NZ

THE New South Wales Combined High Schools representative team is performing well on its tour of New Zealand.

The team rattled up 13 goals in their first two games.

The tour continues with games in Levin and Wellington (North Island), and Nelson and Christchurch (South Island), followed by the Commonwealth Bank Australian Secondary Schools Championships in Hobart.

NSW recorded an 8-1 win in their first game against Combined North Auckland Districts Under 19 team.

Scorers were Paul Foster (four), Randell Easthorpe (two), Brian Ellem and Scott Grant.

The match saw a brilliant team display against a fit, hard-running opposition that lacked the same team cohesion as NSW.

The Aussies were able to keep possession and control the play for long periods of time.

In the second game, NSW came away with a 5-1 win over Otumoetua club first grade (Tauranga City).

St George striker Scott Watson scored four goals in this game, with Billy Barakat netting one.

NSW were slower to open their account against a determined, hard-tackling defence. However, their somewhat lacklustre first half was reversed in the second half when their skill and teamwork proving much too strong.

Many fine lead-ups failed with misguided shots.

COUNTRY WINNER IN AMATEUR CUP

THE bright young Hanwood Soccer Club U14 team from Griffith became the first country team to win the NSW State U14 Cup.

Hanwood defeated Beverley Hills 5-0 in the final played at Cook Park, St Marys.

Caringbah Rangers won out 4-1 in an all — Sutherland Shire final in the senior Amateur Cup.

This year Bankstown and Sutherland Associations had two teams each in the finals.

Other associations represented were St George, Canterbury, Nepean, Manly, Granville and of course Griffith. Results of all the finals were:

U14 State Cup: Hanwood 5, Beverley Hills 0.
 U16 State Cup: Canterbury 2, Richmond RSL 1.
 U18 State Cup: Hoxton Park Hotspurs 2, Balgowlah RSL 0.

U21 Robertson Cup: Panania RSL 2, Granville RSL 1.
 NSW Amateur Cup: Caringbah Rangers 4, Loftus Rovers 1.

The NSW Amateur Federation executive and competition secretary Bill Cullinan wish to thank Nepean Association president Lee Kol, secretary Mrs Barbara Horley and Jim and Lorraine Hopkinson for their excellent job at the finals.

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

U10 AT ORANGE

R1: Southern NSW 4, Western NSW 1; Riverina bye.
 R2: Southern NSW 4, Riverina 0; Western NSW bye.
 R3: Western NSW 1, Riverina 0; Southern NSW bye.
 State & Country champions: Southern NSW: runners up Western NSW.

U11 AT GRIFFITH:

R1: Southern NSW 2, Western NSW 1; Nepean 4, Riverina 0; Illawarra 2, Sutherland 1.

R2: Nepean 4, Southern NSW 1; Sutherland 5, Western NSW 2; Illawarra 3, Riverina 1.

R3: Southern NSW 6, Riverina 0; Illawarra 6, Western NSW 0; Nepean 2, Sutherland 2.

R4: Illawarra 1, Southern NSW 0; Nepean 8, Western NSW 1; Sutherland 3, Riverina 2.

U12 at NOWRA

R1: Southern NSW 3, Western NSW 0; Granville 5, Riverina 0; Blacktown 3, Nepean 0.

R2: Granville 2, Southern NSW 0; Blacktown 3, Western NSW 0; Nepean 6, Riverina 0.

R3: Southern NSW 5, Riverina 1; Nepean 4, Western NSW 0; Blacktown 2, Granville 1.

R4: Nepean 1, Southern NSW 0; Granville 3, Western NSW 1; Blacktown 4, Riverina 0.

U14 AT PARKLEA

R1: Sydney Olympic 7, Riverina 0; Illawarra 4, Sutherland 1; Western NSW 1, Southern NSW 1.

R2: Riverina 2, Illawarra 2; Sydney Olympic 6, Southern NSW 1; Sutherland 4, Western NSW 1.

R3: Illawarra 4, Western NSW 0; Sydney Olympic 2, Sutherland 3; Riverina 2, Southern NSW 1.

R4: Sydney Olympic 6, Western NSW 0; Sutherland 2, Riverina 1; Illawarra 1, Southern NSW 1.

U15 AT PARKLEA

R1: Western NSW 1, Southern NSW 0; Sydney Olympic 2, Nepean 0; APIA 4, Riverina 0.

R2: Sydney Olympic 2, Riverina 1; APIA 6, Southern NSW 0; Nepean 1, Western NSW 2.

R3: APIA 1, Nepean 1; Sydney Olympic 2, Western NSW 1; Riverina 3, Southern NSW 0.

R4: APIA 2, Western NSW 0; Sydney Olympic 5, Southern NSW 0; Nepean 1, Riverina 0.

U13 & U16 to be played September 7/9 at Parklea.

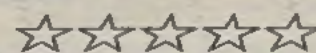
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NATIONAL TITLES FORMGUIDE

TRYING to pick the winner of the Australian Women's Soccer Championships, which will be held in Canberra from today for the next 11 days, is akin to winning Lotto.
ASW looks at the prospects and key players of the nine competing Soccer States.

NSW BANK ON EXPERIENCE

ALAN LYTTON had a tough time selecting his NSW team from the material available to him this year.

With so many new young faces showing out at the State titles held in June, Lytton has gone for a hard core of experienced players and in the team are very few girls who have not had some connection with State play in past years.

He was very reluctant to give any indication as to who would be his number one keeper. Certainly **VICKI SALMONS** and newcomer **ROSLYN INGHAM** show very little difference in their ability between the posts.

Possibly the experience of Salmons with the Australian team could give her the slight edge.

Coming into the side to represent for her fifth year is tall, athletic **ROSE VAN BRUINEN**.

A player with previous Australian experience, Rose will be used in the midfield. She still has very dangerous heading ability close to goal.

Two girls who will be worth watching, according to the NSW coach, have been under wraps for 12 months. Both are coming into the side for the first time and are Irish international players.

TERESE McCANN is a midfield player who is capable of laying-off immaculate balls for her forwards. She has superb skill and a great workrate.

RITA CHEEVERS, a tall sturdy centre-back, comes into the side and will stiffen the rear of the side. She is good in the air and tenacious in defence.

MARIE RUSSELL returns to the side after being away from the State scene through a leg injury. She was selected to go to Perth last year but injury in matches before the team left put her out.

Coming up from the lower ranks is **RHONDA WITHERS**, who is no stranger to interstate play. She is a product of the U15 series and has speed to burn. She has a great left-foot kick and will be useful down the wing.

LYNNE OLSEN is making her return to the State team after turning in a "blinder" in the State titles.

Tall and strongly built, Lynne is excellent in the air and has the speed and ability to turn defence into a well-planned attack. When playing from the right side of the field, Olsen has the ability to send perfect crosses to her forwards.

NSW won six and drew one from seven games at the last Championships to take the title.

ROBINS PLANS ATTACK

FRED ROBINS has chosen three new players in his South Queensland team, as well as players who have represented the State on previous occasions.

SUE MONTEATH, an experienced player for her State and also a regular member of the Australian side, will captain the team.

She can be described as a thinker and can be relied upon to provide a full 70 minute performance. She has represented Australia in Taiwan, New Zealand, Hawaii and Noumea.

KAYE O'SULLIVAN is a top-rate goalkeeper with the ability to make some seemingly impossible saves. Her talent largely was responsible for the St. Queenslanders having only two goals scored against them in the titles last year.

LYNN SPENCER is making a comeback this year for the Maroons. She is a strong midfield player who first turned out for her State in the 1980 Adelaide Championships.

A player who has represented Qld from the age of 13 is **MICHELLE SAWYERS**. A busy housewife with two young children, she is a fast, hard-tackling defender and was selected to represent Australia in 1983.

Originally from NSW where she was prominent in the State side for a number of years, **JULIE DOLAN** has moved to Queensland after playing for Nth NSW last year.

Dolan has been the captain of the Australian side since 1979 and is generally regarded as a superb distributor of the ball from the midfield.

With five Australian players in his side and a sound basis for a strong team, Robins is certain to have a very fit team in Canberra as he trained them right up until the time they left.

GREY HAIR FOR LIONEL

PLACED second to South Queensland in 1982 by one point, and fourth last year, Northern NSW is in there trying every year and adding another grey hair to coach LIONEL SNEYD's head.

A healthy number of 10 players who went to Perth with the side last year are in the 18 going to Canberra.

In addition, the captain of the side is **JULIE PORTER**.

Moving to the "country" earlier this year to play with the Central Coast, Porter very soon showed that she has retained her generalship in the centre of the field.

Julie has played for seven years and played for Australia in 1981 and 1983.

An express train on the move — that's **RENAE ISERIEF** who will be vice-captain.

An explosive player with a man sized power kick from either foot, Iserief is playing more strongly now that she has the backing of Porter behind her.

She is an Australian representative, with her last appearance in the national colours last year in Noumea for the Oceania Cup.

Coming into the side for the experience is **JANITA WHITE** at the tender age of 14.

She will be picking up her first senior State cap this year after having represented Northern in Canberra last year with the U15 side and again this year in Newcastle.

JANELLE RENSHAW comes into her own this year as the number one keeper after being the understudy last year.

At a time when most women would be thinking about standing back and watching the game, **BEVERLEY PARTON**, playing as a centre-half, has returned to the game after becoming a mum.

She represented Northern in Adelaide for the 1980 games and also in Darwin. A good team player, Parton can use either foot to distribute well.

One of the most under-rated players kicking a ball today is **KAREN MENZIES**.

A tall, willowy blonde with energy to burn, Menzies is capable of playing any position on the field, including between the posts.

This is her sixth State appearance for Nth NSW after playing Soccer for seven years. Karen has also represented Australia.

SA GIRLS BOUNCE BACK

WITH one year out of interstate competition, the big question from South Australia is whether they can come back to being the troublesome combination they were in Brisbane.

The goalkeeper, **LYN FULLSTON**, played for SA in that position two years ago and with a keen eye and catching experience from netball and cricket behind her, Lyn should have little difficulty in gardening the net.

Sweeper in the side, **LYON BAKER**, the captain, is also not new to interstate play.

She represented her State in the Adelaide games after playing only one season of football. After resting in 1981, Baker came back to the team to again play as a sweeper in 1982.

The vice-captain of the side is **ARLENE MONCRIEFF** who has had previous experience playing in English women's Soccer sides before coming to Australia in 1980, where she immediately came into the State side. This will be her fourth turn out for the side.

With 10 years of Soccer behind her, the seasoned veteran of SA women's Soccer is **SONJA MARTENS**.

Originally a hard-hitting forward, Martens is now one of the strongest defenders around. She was under a cloud at the Brisbane games with respiratory problems which prevented her from showing at her best. Martens is devastating in her tackles.

SANDI WALSH, although listed as a midfielder, is capable of playing any field position with distinction.

Originally turning out with the NSW side as a 14-year-old, Sandi was badly injured in a motor accident which prevented her from playing for a while. Her ability to turn up in an unexpected spot will be invaluable to her coach, **JOHN ELWIN**.

NEW BROOM FOR VICS

WITH only four of the team who played in Perth last year, Victoria has put a new broom right through the side.

This year, the side is coached by **JANETTE MELVIN**, who has been a mainstay player for the Vics for nine years.

Coach Melvin seems to have given little consideration to past performances in her team's selection.

Seasoned goalkeeper in the side is **THERESA JONES**, who is one of the calmest people I have seen in that position.

Jones has represented Victoria for the last six years and was one of the keepers with the Australian side in Hawaii and Noumea.

The youngest player in the side is 15-year-old goalkeeper **NICOLE HOLDING**, from Dandenong City.

Now that she has played in the position for three years as an Under 15 representative, she will obviously be blooded at senior level during the tournament. Holding was named as an outstanding player in the 1983-84 U15 interstate series.

Due to injury, **ANDREA MARTIN**, a tall midfielder or defender, did not represent her State in Adelaide in 1980.

She has turned out for every other State side since 1974 and represented Australia last year. Martin was a definite settling influence on Victoria's young side last year in Perth.

Another very experienced player in the side, **SHONA BASS**, has always been a State player except for last year. She first turned out for Victoria in 1974.

A physical education teacher, Bass is very fit and will be an asset in the centre-line.

TRACEY SINGLETON is another player who is not new to the excitement of the interstate arena.

She played for Victoria on three previous occasions and represented Australia in New Zealand in 1981. Singleton is another midfield player in the revamped Victorian side.

One of the young players in the line-up is **JACKIE DAVEY**, who is a product of the U15 series.

Able to play as a forward or in the midfield, she played for Victoria as a junior in 1982.

Although young in age, **TRACEY HOAR** is rich in experience for her 17 years.

Another product of the junior scheme, Hoar represented Victoria in 1982 as an U15 player and again last year in Perth, where she turned out for the senior side.

This side is a complete reverse to the one taken to Western Australia last year.

The 1983 side was a combination of very young players and, at best, players with middling experience. It will be interesting to see if the stiffening of the ranks with more senior players will produce a better result than a win, a draw and five losses.

FRESH BLOOD FOR TASSIE

IN keeping with their sisters from the mainland, the Tasmanian side has retained only five of the 18 players who battled so well in Perth last year.

With the women coming in from the North Tasmanian Associa-

DON BALMAIN'S

WOMEN'S SOCCER

tion for the first time this year, some interesting comparisons will be made in the style of the Tasmanian team.

Seven of the 18 players in the team come from the north of the State — three forwards, three backs and a goalkeeper.

The captain of the side is **DENISE GARCIA**, who plays as a full-back. She reads the play well and conveys her instructions from her defensive position.

LEA KETCHELL is Garcia's vice-captain and has played for Tasmania for four years. She is a strong midfielder and is capable of hard-running, defensive play. Ketchell has been named as a potential Australian player.

Another player with the same length of service is **FRANCINE DWYER**. Francine has also been named as an Australian player of the future and is equally at home belting a ball at the goal or stoutly defending.

KAREN ROBINSON, from Nth Tasmania, is the number one goalkeeper. She first represented her State in the Sydney championships in 1981 and has improved greatly since then.

ACT PLAN TO IMPROVE

WITH 12 of the 17 women from the 1983 ACT team, coach CLIVE McKILLOP is reasonably confident that his team will not tail the field as in previous years.

KAREN SINGER in goal has two years of interstate experience behind her.

A player with nine years' experience behind her is **SHAUNA QUIRK**, coming into the side after playing in the strong Arncliffe Scots side in Sydney for three years.

After playing with the Frome club in England for three years, **SALLY RUNDLE** is turning out with ACT for the first time. She is equally at home playing defensive or attacking positions.

Playing Soccer in Canberra for four years before being called upon to take her place in the State side is **JOANNE MORGAN**, originally from Canada.

Although she is only 18, **DONNA O'BRIEN** is already a veteran player with the State side. Donna turned out in Adelaide in 1980, followed by Sydney and Brisbane, and she is one of the reliable midfielders in the team.

Captain of the ACT side this year is **MARIANA ROLLGEJSE**, who will be playing sweeper.

CARMEL CARTERS is stopper and is the vice-captain. Although Carters has only two years as an ACT rep behind her, coach McKillop will rely on her speed to correct any dangerous situations.

A young mother in the side is **LEIGH CHRISTENSON**, who has had interstate Soccer experience in Melbourne and Brisbane before settling in Canberra. Leigh is representing the ACT for the first time and is a defender.

BIG TASK FOR NT SKIPPER

THE Northern Territory side is capable of turning in some remarkable results when least expected, and they seem to absorb more each time they attend a national title.

This year they will introduce six new players.

At 17, the captaincy should sit heavily on the shoulders of **ROS SOLIEN**.

Two years ago she came into the NT side as a player who loved nothing better than to upset the aim of a speeding forward. She has developed her skills since then and today is a natural defender with the confidence to go with it.

SAMANTHA DREW, at the same age as Solien, plays her Soccer in Alice Springs and is one of the form forwards in the side with a powerful left foot. This will be her fourth year as a representative player for the Territory.

Both goalkeepers are new to the side this year.

CONNIE RILEY is from the Alice and at 17 played in the champion team there.

LEONA SHURMER is from the other end of the Territory and is a rep player for Darwin.

Playing alongside her captain will be another player with much experience in Territorian sides. She is **CATHY SOLIEN** and at 20 has played for seven years in a representative side.

The coach of the side is **EDDIE SEPULVEDA**, who was responsible for drilling the winning Under 17 side in the competition held in Darwin this year.

WA GO FOR GOALS

BEARING in mind that the championship was held in their own backyard last year, Western Australia have gone for a tried combination with a sprinkling of new players.

Coming third in the 1983 championships, WA were certainly not out of favour in their goalkeeping ability with 18 goals scored from seven games.

In **SHARON MATELIAN** and **JUDY PETTITT**, both Australian players, you would probably have two of the fastest forwards in the country.

Mateljian, in her 11th year for the West, is the captain of the side and is having one of her best years.

Pettitt, who will apparently be playing midfield for the Canberra titles, is not far behind with nine years' service to the State side. She has been named as vice-captain.

DENISE LOFTHOUSE, 18-year-old goalkeeper, was blooded into State football last year when she travelled to Brisbane with the side.

Once again, the coach is **PETER DIMOPOULOUS**.

AUSTRALIA'S YOUNGEST NATIONAL PLAYER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE youngest girl to represent Australia is the current mid-field sensation from Northern NSW, Helen Watts.

Helen has been selected by women's national coach Jimmy Selby for the Australian squad which will tour China in October.

Miss Watts is an industrious 16-year-old and, according to her State coach Lionel Sneyd, is similar in style to former World Cup player Jimmy Rooney.

A key player with the Northern NSW team presently in Canberra for the national titles, Helen started playing Soccer at the 10, and was first selected in an Australian training squad at the ripe old age of 14.

A keen student in Year 10 at Merewether Girls' High, young Helen stresses that she has no favourite women's player who has influenced her style or career.

"But," Helen said, "I like Apia's powerful centre-back Arno Bertogna, who was formerly with Newcastle KB. And I like Liverpool's deadly striker, Kenny Dalglish."

What are Helen's ultimate ambitions in life?

"I want a successful career in whatever I end up doing, and to go as far as I can with Soccer as well as to help promote the code. I really love all sports."

Besides Soccer, Helen is actively engaged in Volleyball, Netball, Basketball, Raftball and Touch Football.

What was the most memorable match she played in?

"Last year in Perth at the national titles, we clashed with South Queensland and it was the most competitive game I have ever played in. It was great and not rough. Just very, very competitive and Queensland finally struggled to beat us 1-0," Helen enthusiastically reflected.

Jim Bellingham, a competent coach at Newcastle, was most responsible and influential in modelling her career in Soccer.

We asked her what are her pet-hates in women's Soccer.

"When women players stop being competitive and turn violent. Only much stricter refereeing can eradicate this. I would also like to see many more girls take Soccer far more seriously, rather than treat it as a game of 'kick and giggle.'"

"Our games should be promoted much more for the general public to get to know what we are all about. Also, I would very much like to see women's Soccer as an event in the next Olympic Games."

SOUNESS LEARNS THE LINGO

GRAEME SOUNESS is training high in the Italian hills overlooking the city of Pisa, ready for his debut season in Italian football.

The former Liverpool midfield genius has one major problem, learning the language.

"I'm relying heavily on Trevor Francis to let me know what people are saying," said Souness.

But on a basic \$5,000 a week, plus bonuses, that is a small price to pay.

"When we go back to our home town, Genoa, I've been promised a language tutor," said Souness.

He has taken over a luxury flat vacated by former Arsenal midfielder Liam Brady and will be

joined there next week by his wife, Danielle, and family.

The ex-Liverpool player could stick, \$750,000 into his bank account over the next three years and, at 31, that's the sort of windfall which should set him up for life.



TIGANA'S FEE DOUBLED

JEAN TIGANA, the brilliant black midfielder who starred in the European Championship final for winners France, is wanted by Arsenal.

The Gunners offered a fee of \$450,000 to Tigana's club Bordeaux but the Frenchmen suggested it would be a good idea if Arsenal doubled that offer.

Tigana has always fancied playing in England and was ready to sign for Spurs 18 months ago as replacement for the injured Ossie Ardiles.

At 29, Tigana wants to cash in on his undoubted talents. He has had a row with Bordeaux because he claims he is not getting as much in his wage packet as their other stars Alain Giresse and the Portuguese signing Fernando

Chalana.

The Italians showed an interest in Tigana but there are no vacancies in that country now for foreign players.

QUICK QUIZ

Which city hosted the greatest Soccer attendance of all time and what was the crowd?

The answer Rio de Janeiro. The match was Brazil v Uruguay in the final of the 1950 World Cup which Uruguay surprisingly won 2-1. Attendance 205,000 in Maracana Stadium on July 16, 1950.



JEAN TIGANA: to cash in.

EUROPE'S BEST FOOTBALLERS?

EUROPE'S Soccer writers have put their heads together to select the best team Europe could field.

There isn't one Englishman in the team, although a Scot and a Welshman did manage to creep in.

Even the great Peter Shilton couldn't claim the goalkeeping jersey, despite being held in high esteem in every country in the world.

Europe's best goalkeeper, according to the scribes, is Dasayev of the Soviet Union.

It is interesting to note that Bryan Robson, Manchester United's star trump card, a player keenly sought in Italy, Spain and West Germany, did not get one vote outside of England.

Other notable omissions from this "Super European XI" were France's brilliant Alain Giresse and Paolo Rossi of Italy.

This is the team which was finally agreed upon: —

Dasayev (Russia), Bergomi (Italy), Forster (W.Germany), Morten Olsen (Denmark), Gentile (Italy), Tigana (France), Souness (Scotland), Platini (France), Chalana (Portugal), Rush (Wales) and Boniek (Poland).

The substitutes, selected also on votes received, were Shilton, Giresse, Rossi, Lawrenson (Republic of Ireland) and Gordillo (Spain).



PAOLO ROSSI

SOCCKER HEADACHES FACING LATINS



IF you think everything in Brazilian football is excellent, you'd better think again.

A multitude of problems are causing concern in the land of the samba. These are some of the headaches:

- Poor attendances at matches, especially in the interior.
- Forced sale of stars overseas to help pay the bills.
- Violent football and low playing standards. Re-

ferees claim that players who tackle too hard should be banned for life but the Justice Tribunal is not taking sufficient drastic action.

- Communication gap between officials, coaches and players.
- Most players more interested in August tours of Europe than in competition matches at home, because these bring capacity attendances, healthy bonuses and better playing pitches.



Tostao

RIGHT PRESCRIPTION FOR THE DOC

TOSTAO — there's a famous name from the great days of Brazilian football. But where is the great man now?

At 37, Tostao, full name Dr Eduardo Goncalves Andrade, is completely readjusted to his new way of life following his premature retirement from the game with eye trouble.

Tostao was in the Pelé-Garrincha class as a member of Brazil's 1970

World Cup-winning team but a detached retina caused him to have an eye operation in 1973 after which he quit football.

He resolved to become a doctor — and, in 1981, graduated at the top of his class.

Now married — his wife

is a chemist — Tostao has two young children and is completely satisfied with his new life.

Tostao rates Pelé the greatest player of all, with Garrincha a close second. He says there are very few real stars today but he likes

Zico, Socrates, Junior and Falcao.

He is still only 10 kilos above his best playing weight of 74 kilos.

The brilliant Tostao is a loss to football but an asset to medicine — and he has safeguarded his eyesight.

IT WAS NEARLY 'JOCK' BONIEK!

ZIBBY BONIEK, the Polish World Cup star, was close to being sold by Italy's Juventus to Scottish champions Aberdeen.

Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson revealed that he had talks with Boniek but the deal was squashed at the last minute by Juventus.

"Boniek was a free agent and his wife, who is studying English, was keen to come to Scotland," said Ferguson. "Both Boniek and Juventus agreed to the move, but suddenly Juventus called off the deal"

Why the change of mind? Danish star Michael Laudrup, on loan from Juventus to Lazio, was expected to be called back to Turin to team up with Michael Platini as Juventus's two permitted imports. But Juventus decided they liked Boniek better than Laudrup.



ZIBBY BONIEK: move blocked.

BOBBY SAVES

BOBBY ROBSON, England's team manager, saved QPR \$80,000 when he didn't pick Simon Stainrod for a match on England's South American tour.

Although Stainrod, the QPR forward, was in Robson's 19-man squad, he didn't get a tour game. If, and when, Simon plays his first match for England, QPR will have to pay his previous club, Oldham Athletic, an extra \$80,000 as part of the transfer deal.



OXFORD GET HAMILTON

OXFORD UNITED have signed Irish international forward Billy Hamilton from Burnley for \$130,000.

Neil Whatmore moved to Burnley as part of the deal.

Hamilton was Burnley's leading goalscorer last season with 18 goals and would have re-signed for the club had he not had the offer from promoted Oxford, now in second division.

HAMILTON (left) playing for Northern Ireland in the 1982 World Cup against Yugoslavia.

MANCHESTER CITY appointed Mick McCarthy as their new team captain a month ago, but he didn't hold the job long.

He has stepped down and handed over the captaincy to Paul Power.



ERIC GATES (left), Ipswich Town's classy winger, has signed a new four-year contract which should ensure he remains a one-club man for his whole career.

But Gates revealed he could easily have joined the mass exodus from Ipswich which ruined one of England's best sides.

"We crashed from top to bottom in the first division but it was worth it, if only to

clear the air of doubt and the dressing room of backstabbing and suspicion," said Gates.

He went on: "I can name three reasons why Ipswich will go well this year — Paul Mariner, Alan Brazil and John Wark.

"They start the season with three of the greatest clubs in Britain but Ipswich suffered a serious decline while they were fighting to achieve their ambitions.

"We are better off without them, although

MO WON'T GET AWAY CHEAPLY

MAURICE "MO" JOHNSTON's shock request for a transfer on the eve of the new season surprised and angered Watford boss Graham Taylor.

Taylor's first comment was: "If any team wants him, they'll have to pay two million pounds!"

To which Johnston, a Scot who knows the value of money, replied: "That's silly. I don't think any player is worth more than a million."

The 21-year-old centre-forward left Partick Thistle for exact-

ly one tenth of the fee Taylor is now suggesting he's worth. And Mo has had only one season at Watford.

He still has two years to run on his contract.

Top English clubs are sure to clamour for his signature but they could be wasting their time.

Johnston's reason for his transfer request



is homesickness for Scotland.

This gives Scottish clubs an edge in the bidding and it's not surprising the wealthy Celtic and Aberdeen are both showing an interest.

Tottenham Hotspur were rumoured to be keen on Johnston but manager Peter Shreeves stated: "I'm not interested."

LEFT: 'MO' JOHNSTON in happier mood with Watford.

IAN'S DERBY TAKEOVER

THE Maxwell family are spreading their tentacles through English football in a big way.

Robert Maxwell, the publishing tycoon who made an offer of \$16,000,000 for Manchester United and who owns successful Oxford United, has been propping up Derby County financially and is regarded as their life-saver.

Now his son, 28-year-

old Ian, has invested nearly a million dollars in Derby County in exchange for a controlling interest and the chairmanship.

Although some people believe Ian is just keeping the chair warm for his dad, the new supremo at Derby denies

this.

"Father simply hasn't got the time," he said.

"I have experience in how difficult it is to win promotion from the third division and, as a businessman, I have a businessman's sense."

Before the Maxwell family became involved with Derby, the club was \$2,500,000 in debt.

Derby now go into the new season solvent with \$300,000 in the bank.

REEVES HAS RETIRED

KEVIN REEVES was one of the biggest names in English football a few years ago when Manchester City paid out a huge fee (\$2,000,000) for his transfer in the days of silly fees.

He appeared to have a tremendous future in the game but things didn't turn out well for him. Reeves never justified the money City paid to Norwich.

Now Reeves' career has ended prematurely. He has been forced to retire with injury at 26 and hopes to be offered a coaching position with his last club, Burnley.



KEVIN REEVES



DOUG ROUGVIE's transfer from Aberdeen to Chelsea has been completed after the two clubs agreed on a satisfactory fee.

Aberdeen were asking \$450,000. Chelsea offered \$150,000. So the two valuations were cut down the middle and the London club has paid \$300,000.

TEN days before the English season started, Liverpool's expensive new player Paul Walsh complained of back trouble... and that caused panic in some quarters.

Fortunately, it wasn't serious and the former Luton star was fit enough to come on as substitute in the Charity Shield Match at Wembley.

BRISTOL CITY winger Keith Curle was sent off in a pre-season friendly game against Cheltenham and City manager Terry Cooper was not at all amused.

"I shall have to discipline him. He's no good to me if he keeps getting suspended," said Cooper.

I came close to joining the big walk-out.

"It was bad enough when Mick Mills, Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren left, but when the other three became unsettled, so did the whole squad.

"Ipswich achieved a miracle to survive a traumatic time when our team was gutted."

It'll be interesting to see if the "new look" Ipswich Town can



PAUL MARINER

CRUMBS FOR KEVIN!

KEVIN KEEGAN may have retired from serious Soccer but he is still happy to pick up a few crumbs in various places.

Keegan is spending three weeks in Malaysia, helping that country's international team with coaching.

His fee for the chore? Just a cool \$80,000 — plus expenses!

BUCHAN SHUNS THE DOC

FORMER Manchester United captain Martin Buchan has turned down the chance to join his old United boss, Tommy Docherty, at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Buchan prefers to stay with Oldham Athletic, even though he says he would have earned more money with the Wolves.

"When United didn't want to retain me, Oldham were the first club to come in with the offer of a contract," said Buchan.

"For this reason, I feel I owe Oldham some loyalty."

That's a refreshing outlook in a sport where money means everything to most players.